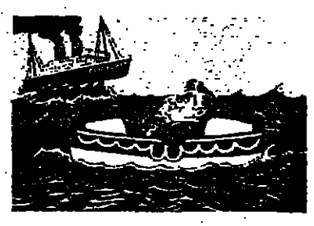
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Lamont's bitter farewell as Clarke is made Chancellor

■ The departure of Norman Lamont from the government may have stored up trouble with the Conservative right wing

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

NORMAN Lamont's troubled reign ended in acrimony and humiliation yesterday as John Major gave his job of Chancellor to Kenneth Clarke in a reshuffle designed to restore the authority of the government.

After the feverish speculation of the past few days, Mr Lamont's exit was little surprise. But the prime minister has taken a big risk in promoting a man widely seen as his main rival for the leadership and whose pro-Europe stance is regarded with distrust by the rebellious Tory right.

Mr Lamont walked out of the government after Mr Major, in a tense and bitter encounter, dismissed him from the Treasury and offered him the post of environment secretary, a job he could hardly have been expected to accept. Mr Lamont, who believes he has been made the scapegoat for the government's economic ills, replied that he was not prepared to stay on.

Although Mr Major sent him the customary farewell letter praising his record, the former Chancellor, in an unusual breach of convention, did not send a reply pledging loyalty to the prime minister. Instead he issued a statement which he had telephoned and faxed through to Downing Street. In it he said: "I have always been willing to be judged on my record. I believe that the success of the policies I have put in place will become increasingly clear."

He said that he did not intend to comment further for several weeks, leading colleagues to believe that he would give his side of the story in a Commons speech. It was a bitter end to their partnership. Mr Lamont proposed Mr Major for the Tory leadership in November 1990 when Baroness Thatcher stood down, ran his campaign and was rewarded with the job he had always wanted.

Mr Lamont's was the only cabinet departure in a reconstruction extending to middle and junior ranks of government. Mr Major tried to balance the appointment of the left-wing, pro-European Mr Clarke to the Treasury by sending Michael Howard, a rightwinger, to replace him at the Home Office.

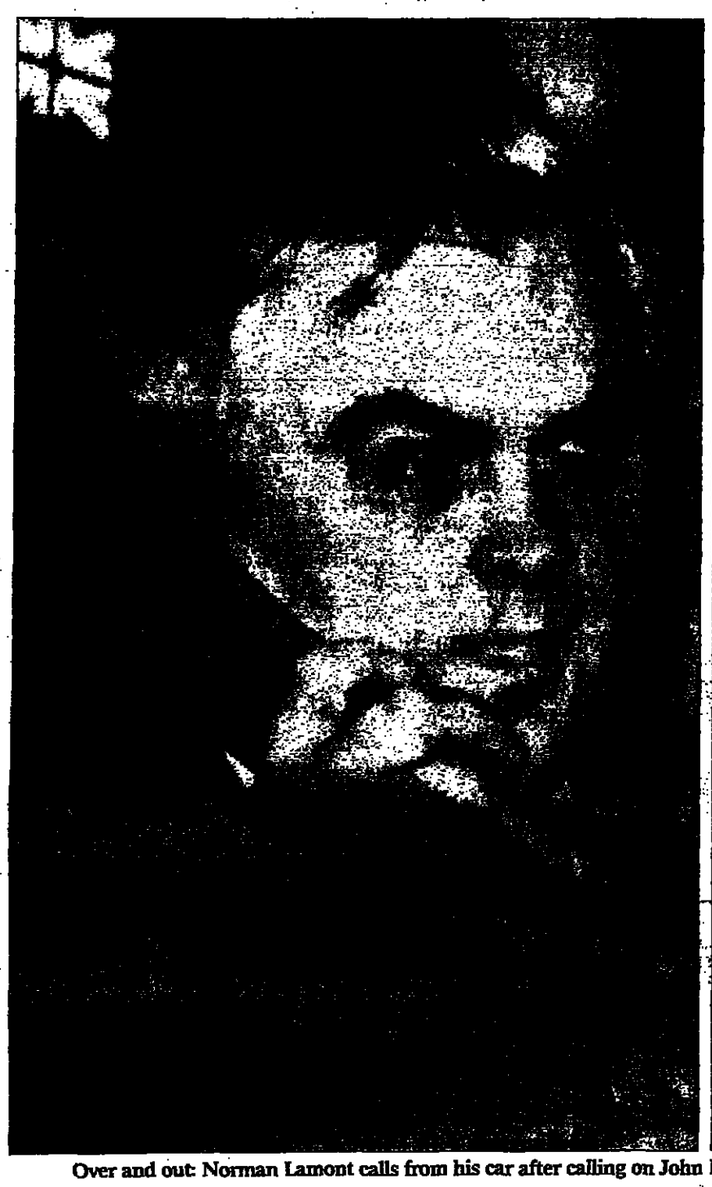
In a surprise promotion, John Gummer moves from the agriculture ministry to Mr Howard's job. Gillian Shephard moves from employment secretary to agriculture minister and David Hunt from Welsh secretary to employment secretary. The one cabinet newcomer is John Redwood, a rightwinger and former head of Margaret Thatcher's Downing Street policy unit, who becomes the Welsh secretary. One of the biggest surprises was the survival as education secretary of John Patten.

Overall Mr Major clearly attempted to maintain the political balance of the government, with significant promotions from both the left and right at the lower levels. Tory MPs, however, said the reshuffle appeared to have been designed merely to remove the Chancellor.

The message received by Tory Central Office from canvassers in the recent elections and by Conservative whips from MPs was that Mr Lamont was a deeply unpopular figure within the government. The manner of his going suggested that he may prove a threat to Mr Major from the back benches, where he may become the natural leader of the Euro-sceptics.

The view among Tory MPs was that Mr Major would have found Mr Clarke's appointment irresistible. Despite his liberal leanings, he has always been regarded as tough on public spending.

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Over and out: Norman Lamont calls from his car after calling on John Major; Kenneth Clarke arrives to be offered the Treasury vacancy

Times/MORI poll

Tories slip to third in heartlands

BY PETER RIDDELL POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Tories have dropped to their lowest level in the opinion polls since the autumn of 1981, as traditional supporters in southern England have deserted the party.

The latest MORI poll for *The Times* underlines the depth of disillusionment with the government, and reinforces John Major's decision yesterday to give a new look to the top levels of his cabinet.

The poll findings confirm the message of the Conservatives' rout at the local elections and the Newbury by-election three weeks ago. They indicate that a large majority of the public, including a sizeable number of the Conservatives' supporters, believe that the government is mishandling affairs.

Support for the Tories is now put at 28 per cent, down four points over the past month. This is the lowest level since the late autumn of 1981 when Margaret Thatcher was highly unpopular and the new Social Democrat-Liberal Alliance was at its peak. The Tories are now running third in their southern English heartlands.

The main beneficiaries have been the Liberal Democrats, who have gained four points this month to 24 per cent. This is a rise of a half during the past year, and is their highest rating for six years since just before the 1987 election and the end of the former Alliance. Labour remains in the lead, although its support has slipped two points to 44 per cent over the past month.

Mr Major's personal rating is now back to its lowest point of last autumn in the aftermath of sterling's withdrawal from the exchange rate mechanism and the climbdown over pit closures. Only 21 per cent are satisfied with the way he is doing his job as prime minister, down ten points since January, and lower than the rating the then Mrs Thatcher had when she was forced out of office in November 1990.

Nearly three-quarters of the public are dissatisfied with Mr Major. This includes 42 per cent of Tory supporters, a rise of 11 points over the past month. Four-fifths of the public, including nearly three-fifths of Conserva-

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Dear Kenneth, Go into bat like Botham in a test match



WILLIAM REES-MOGG writes an open letter with some sound advice to Kenneth Clarke, the new Chancellor

Dear Kenneth, I was pleased to see that you were going to the Treasury. You are brave to take it on, but then you have never lacked political courage. Your party's political position is desperate, and you face a £50 billion deficit on the budget, and a large overseas deficit as well. You know as well as anyone that the chances of your turning this situation around are anything but good. Yet no one doubts that you will try. You have never, I think, been at the Treasury before; otherwise they would be sending out the signal the Admiralty sent in 1939: "Winston is back."

First of all, you must recognise the extraordinary strength of your political position, and how quickly it could be eroded. If, against the odds, you turn the political and economic situation around you will be your party's hero, and probably your country's as well. If you fail, as Lady Macbeth observed, you fail, and down with you will tumble the government collectively, and most of your colleagues.

As everything turns on your success, you do not have to listen to anyone else. All Chancellors receive gratuitous advice from the Prime Minister over the garden wall. You will for at least the next 12 months be under no pressure to take any notice of what he says. He cannot sack you, and will in no circumstances try to do so. This is important as most prime ministers give very bad advice to their chancellors, and economic policy-making in the last couple of years has been, shall we say, unsatisfactory.

People very seldom achieve in politics a position in which destiny hangs on what they do, and they are entirely free to decide for themselves. Everything about your personality suggests that you will be thoroughly enjoying so unusual a situation, and that you will not be a bit depressed by the relatively high probability of failure. "'Tis better to have fought and lost than never to have fought at all."

If the first rule is to take no notice of the prime minister, the second is to take no notice of your advisers in the Treasury. Treasury officials used, when I was young, to be extremely clever and sometimes wrong. This lot seems to be fairly clever and usually wrong. They will be very useful to you as a help in drafting your speeches, and they probably understand Advance Corporation Tax better than you do, or than I do for that matter. But the central decision of economic policy

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Car bomb at Florence art gallery kills five

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN FLORENCE

FIVE people were killed and Italy's most important art collection was damaged severely when a car bomb exploded behind the Uffizi Gallery in Florence early yesterday. Thirty more were injured by the explosion, which authorities believe may be the work of the Mafia.

More than 220lb in explosives were left in a stolen Fiat Fiorino van parked near the gallery. The explosion left a crater three yards wide and two yards deep and the van's engine was flung 30 yards.

A family of four living in a medieval tower were killed immediately. A 22-year-old man also died.

Several paintings were destroyed, and the arms and legs came off some statues. But the most important works, including paintings by Botticelli and Michelangelo, were saved by protective shields. The Vasari Corridor was also damaged. Officials said the gallery would be closed "for many months".

The blast came less than two weeks after a car bomb blew up a building in Rome, injuring 23 people.

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Ex-miners' president Gormley dies

LORD Gormley, president of the National Union of Mineworkers during the two strikes which led to the fall of the Heath government in 1974, died of cancer yesterday at his Wigan home, aged 75.

As NUM president for 11 years from 1971, Joe Gormley was a leading figure in the trade union movement during the heyday of its power. He remained a moderate who fought to keep the left wing at bay, believing it had lost touch with grassroots opinion. He accepted a peerage after handing over to Arthur Scargill.

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Nine feared dead in RAF Hercules crash

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

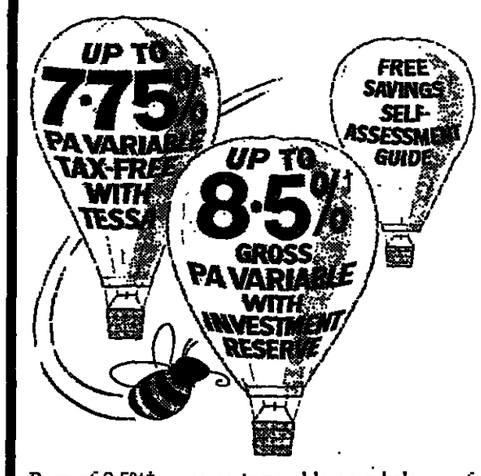
NINE people were feared dead last night after an RAF Hercules transport plane crashed into a mountainside in a remote part of Perthshire. The C130 was on a routine training flight from RAF Lossiemouth and is thought to have been involved in low-level flying.

An RAF spokesman said that wreckage was scattered over the mountainside, ten miles northeast of the village of Blair Atholl, which he described as "very inaccessible" with peaks over 1,000 ft.

Parts of the plane were described as burning fiercely and the hillside round about was alight. The wreckage was seen in Glen Tilt by a hill walker who contacted Tayside police shortly before 4pm. Four helicopters and two mountain rescue teams were scrambled. A Sea King search and rescue helicopter from RAF Lossiemouth located the wreckage an hour later.

The weather was described as reasonable and experts were mystified as to why the plane, one of 61 Hercules normally based at RAF Lyneham, had crashed. Two other Hercules had returned from the excercise safely.

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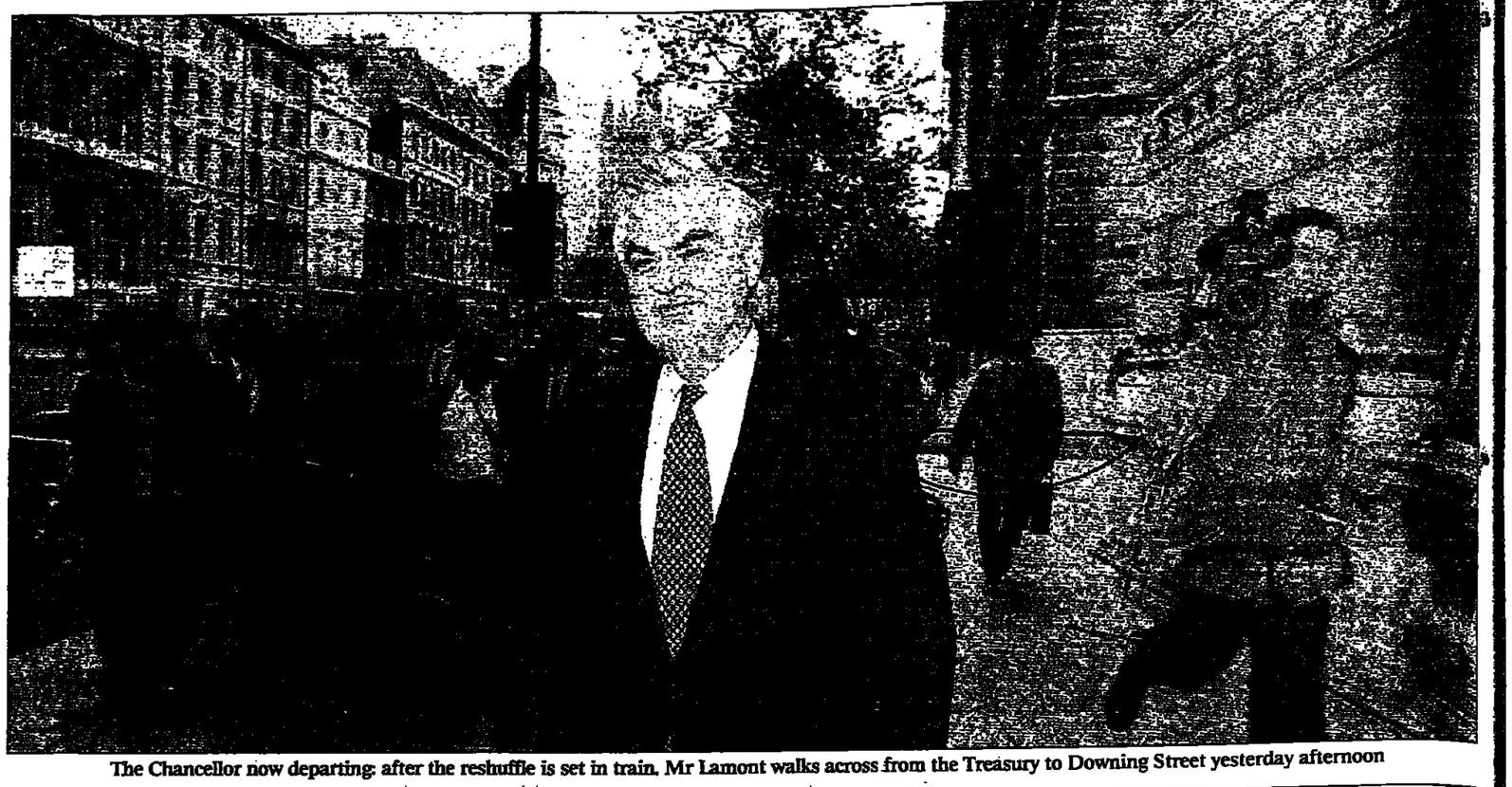
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Cometh the hour, cometh the man at reshuffle time

9.10am: Downing Street confirms that cabinet changes are on the way.
9.20: Norman Lamont emerges from 11 Downing Street and is driven off in his ministerial Jaguar.
9.35: Kenneth Clarke offers no comment to the press as he enters No 10.
9.54: Michael Howard arrives in a silver Rover.
10.00: Mr Clarke emerges from No 10, looks for and fails to find his ministerial car and goes back in.
10.05: A smiling Norman Lamont returns to No 11 and says: "I've never felt better."
10.10: Mr Clarke leaves as Chancellor of the Exchequer but offers no comment.
10.20: Mr Howard emerges stony-faced and is driven off.
10.36: A caterer delivers orange juice, cheese and biscuits and several full Sainsbury's bags to No 10.
10.45: A petition of 30,000 signatures supporting London cabbies is delivered by Vivian Bendall, Tory MP for Ilford North, Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, and Fred Housego, Mastermind cabbie.
10.50: Band of the Household Cavalry strikes up from Horseguard's Parade.
11.04: Gillian Shephard walks jauntily up the street and enters No 10.
11.06: Mr Lamont is driven out of Downing Street again.
11.07: Grey smoke emerges from No 10's chimney.
11.18: David Hunt, the Welsh secretary, arrives at No 10.
11.28: Nick Brown, the Labour MP for Newcastle East, presents a petition of 33,000 signatures calling for Swan Hunter shipyard to be saved.
11.33: Mr Hunt is driven away to the strains of the national anthem wafting over from Horse Guards Parade.
11.41: Greg Knight, a junior *whip, arrives. The band strikes* up "Auld Lang Syne".
11.45: John Redwood, the local government minister, enters No 10.
11.46: Mr Knight emerges.
11.52: Exit a smiling Mr Redwood, waving to reporters.
11.54: Mrs Shephard, looking slightly less jaunty after 50 minutes at No 10, is driven off in a ministerial car. Asked what job she has been given, she replies: "Well, you can see I'm pleased whatever it is."
12.27pm: Jeremy Hanley, a junior Northern Ireland minister, enters No 10.
12.30: A third petition, in support of victims of the back disease arachnoilitis, is presented by MPs and sufferers.
12.32: Mr Lamont returns to No 11 as God Save the Queen is reprised by the band.
12.35: Mr Hanley leaves.
12.48: Mr Lamont emerges from No 11, leaps into his Jaguar and makes a telephone call as he is driven away.
1.04: Graham Bright, the prime minister's parliamentary private secretary, leaves No 10, telling reporters they will "have to wait and see".
1.21: Whips arrive at No 12, the chief whip's residence.
2.10: Edward Leigh, junior trade and industry minister, enters No 10.
2.15: Mr Leigh leaves.
2.44: Patrick Nicholls, the Teignbridge MP who lost a ministerial job over a drink-driving case, enters No 10.
2.56: Mr Nicholls exits from 12 Downing Street.
3.46: Rosemary Lamont knocks on the door of No 11 and goes inside.



The Chancellor now departing: after the reshuffle is set in train, Mr Lamont walks across from the Treasury to Downing Street yesterday afternoon

Redwood's Thatcherite credentials alarm Welsh

By Sheila Gunn
Political Correspondent

■ **Marked from the start as a man to watch, the new Welsh secretary has earned his spurs the hard way**

JOHN Redwood's entry into the cabinet will delight right-wingers, even if it alarms the Welsh, who favour the interventionist and distinctly un-Thatcherite policies pursued by his predecessors, Lord Walker and David Hunt.

Dry and cerebral, Mr Redwood won his spurs as a local government minister in the detailed negotiations on the transition from poll to council tax. Working well with his boss, Michael Howard, he proved himself to be more pragmatic and conciliatory in dealing with local authorities than predicted.

Mr Redwood, 41, entered parliament six years ago after heading Margaret Thatcher's policy unit at Downing Street. He had the disadvantage of being marked down as "one to watch" from the start.

He had been a fellow of All Souls, Oxford, and an investment banker. Privatisation, less government and "popular" capitalism are his obsessions. As a consequence he is regarded as a rather dour character by other MPs in the class of '87.

His first ministerial posts were in the trade department under Peter Lilley, rising from junior minister to minister of state within a year. His brief included competition policy and preparation work with other departments on the rail privatisation plans.

John Major moved him to the environment department after last year's general election to focus on the switch to the council tax and the inner cities strategy.

Welsh MPs reacted sharply to the appointment of Mr Redwood as Welsh secretary. The prime minister was accused of snubbing Wales by appointing a hardline Thatcherite with no known Welsh connections.

Ieuan Wyn Jones, Plaid Cymru MP, commented: "John Redwood's zeal for privatisation will go down like a rat sandwich.

"His appointment also shows, yet again, that according to the English Tory establishment, no Welsh Tory MP is of high enough calibre to hold the position."

Dafydd Wigley, MP and Welsh Nationalist party president, called the move "ominous and ill-considered". He suspected Mr Redwood had been given the job for the purpose of cutting public spending in Wales. "This underlines the need for our own parliament and not a governor-general, still less a *gauleiter* from London," he added.

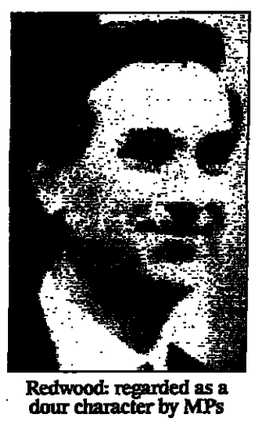
Alex Carlile, Welsh Liberal Democrat leader, said Mr Redwood's appointment was "a humiliating insult" to the people of Wales. His Thatcherite dogma would go down like a lead balloon in the principality. He was surprised Sir Wyn Roberts, the Welsh minister of state, had again been ignored for the top job in the principality.

Mr Redwood's first test will be in a fortnight at the annual Welsh Conservative party conference.

☐ Tim Yeo, the independent-minded junior health minister, moved up a few notches to environment minister.

Mr Yeo, who has successfully masterminded the introduction of the community care reforms, returns to environment, where he was housing minister from 1990 for two years.

The likeable MP for South Suffolk, firmly on the Tory left, is both ambitious and energetic. While he affects an air of not taking politics too seriously — playing golf when he can — Mr Yeo has made the right moves to slowly climb the career ladder. Elected to his safe seat in 1983, Mr Yeo was PPS to Douglas Hurd, as home secretary and then foreign secretary, before moving to environment. A pro-European, he supported Mr Hurd in the leadership campaign.



Redwood: regarded as a dour character by MPs

Screech of burnt tyres rings down the week

By Jamie Dettmer

THE past seven days in British politics will go down in history as "U-turn week". With rumours of a cabinet reshuffle growing stronger by the day, the screech of tyres was almost deafening.

Norman Lamont and John MacGregor careered all over Britain's motorway system, with the Chancellor bullishly arguing at a CBI conference on Wednesday, to the transport secretary's annoyance, that charging drivers for the use of the motorways was merely a staging post for the selling off of the entire system to private companies.

Having only just averted a backbench revolt over the proposed sale of British Rail by climbing down and guaranteeing the continuation of concessionary railcards for the young, the old and the disabled, Mr MacGregor was in no mood to be set on course for another hazardous privatisation scheme.

At the same conference, Mr MacGregor sought to pull the Chancellor back, mentioning that the motorways could, at some unspecified time in the future, be handed over to Next Steps, the semi-autonomous government agency, a far cry from full privatisation. The transport secretary left it to "friends" to suggest that Mr Lamont's CBI speech was the "last throw of a desperate man".

Other cabinet members busied themselves with trying to avoid hurtling into the Lamont-MacGregor pile-up. Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, kept her eye on the road and repeated the word "speculation", as though that alone could ward off evil spirits and mad drivers intent on forcing her off the fast lane to preferment. The rumoured closing or merging of several London hospitals was all just "speculation, speculation".

John Patten, the education secretary, chose to brazen it out. According to him, and to everyone else's disbelief, the national curriculum tests plan is the most popular reform to be introduced by a minister since... well, since ever. As he rode roughshod over all objections, the education secretary looked like the government's General Patton, leaving the essential battle far behind for a distant skirmish.

Conservatives slip to third in heartlands

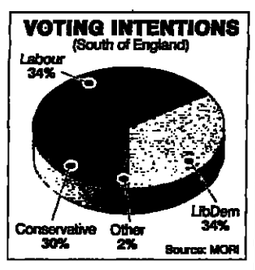
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tive supporters, are dissatisfied with the way the government is running the country.

Governing parties have recovered from such ratings in the past to win subsequent general elections, as the Tories did in 1983 and, after a smaller dip, in 1987. But that has required a change of policies and a firmer lead from No. 10.

The latest figures bring little comfort for Labour. Not only has the party's overall support fallen slightly in the past month, but John Smith's personal rating has dropped sharply to its worst position since he was elected leader last July.

The Tories' current troubles are now as deep as in the early 1980s, and the party is doing particularly badly in its heartlands. The Conservatives have lost support particularly among the 35-54 age group, in southern England, and among owner-occupiers.



☐ *MORI interviewed a representative quota sample of 1,842 adults aged 18-plus at 147 constituency sampling points across Britain. Interviews were conducted face-to-face on May 20 to 24. Voting intention figures exclude those who say they would not vote (8 per cent), are undecided (7 per cent) or who refuse to name a party (2 per cent).*

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Removal men await No 11 changeover

By Bill Frost

DELICATE negotiations over property were yesterday under way between victor and vanquished as Norman Lamont was banished to backbench obscurity and Kenneth Clarke was handed the keys to No 11.

Mr Lamont's goods and chattels must be boxed, crated and moved to make way for his successor. As well as packing his belongings at Downing Street, Mr Lamont must call the removal men to Dorneywood, the rather draughty official retreat in Buckinghamshire.

A Treasury spokesman said Mr Lamont and Mr Clarke would work out "a reasonable and sensible" transition. "There are no real set rules for these occasions. But I feel sure there will be no undue haste; a gentlemen's agreement will be reached."

The former Chancellor will probably remain at No 11 for a couple of days at least. The removal vans will arrive "sometime during the Bank holiday weekend", one source suggested. By then, media interest might not be so intense, so the theory goes.

Mr Lamont yesterday sealed his resignation with two glasses of champagne over a quiet and leisurely lunch with a friend. He and an unidentified man were seen at a small Italian restaurant in Knightsbridge at about 2pm, according to a fellow diner, Sheila Porritt of Melody Radio.

They were served pasta followed by fruit salad, she said. Mr Lamont had two glasses of champagne. There was no ministerial car to whisk him away. When Mr Lamont emerged from the restaurant, onlookers said, he spent some time trying to hail a taxi.

Major's political rope trick is bad ruse for some

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

In politics, "give a man enough rope and he'll hang himself" is the truest maxim I know and applies to ladies, too. Judging by the dispatch box performances of senior ministers, which I watch, it seems that each has been catapulted into the job at which they are most likely to come unstuck. This reshuffle can be explained only as a devilish ruse to destroy the careers of every possible challenger for Mr Major's own job. One fancies the PM's discussions with his chief whip to have gone something like this...

PM: What are Ken Clarke's strengths, do you think, Richard?

Richard Ryder: The broad brush, prime minister. Everything except sums. Good at beating people up, but not your man for sweet-talking a busload of starving pensioners or explaining the imposition of VAT on incontinence underwear. Swashbuckling performer so long as you keep him off the details — figures, money, that sort of thing. A bit lazy about reading the small print — you wouldn't give him the offshore trusts (regulation) consolidation bill to steer through committee, ho, ho...

PM: Thank you, Richard. And tell me, if I were to make him Chancellor...

RR: I beg your pardon, prime minister?

PM: Chancellor, Richard. Would he start badgering us into rejoining the ERM?

RR: Last man on earth to push us that way, sir. He wouldn't dare. Whole 1922 Committee ready to pounce on him if he did. It's never the lifers who reoffend. Now, funnily enough, the chap who could talk the troops round on Europe would be a known sceptic. Michael Howard...

PM: Thank you, Richard. But where do you think Howard is *weakest?*

RR: Scared of his own shadow, prime minister. No real political courage. I mean, put him in front of a hall full of booing policemen, or a Tory conference angry about rising crime — kind of thing Clarke squares up to quite well, come to think of it — and Howard would fall apart. Mind you, he's pretty smooth. Only Labour's Tony Blair — shadow home secretary — out-smoothes him.

PM: Thank you, Richard. Now, tell me, what's David Hunt's forté?

RR: Good news is his oxygen. He loves yodelling away at the dispatch box about wonderful new statistics from Wales — where, as you know, the employment picture is looking much brighter than here. He's very good at being cuddly — just what the Welsh demand — sort of opposite to John Redwood, really. Mind you, Hunt would be up a gum tree if you gave him bad news to deliver — Department of Employment, ha, ha, ha...

PM: Thank you, Richard. And tell me, if John Gummer was looking like a threat, and...

RR: Gummer, sir, *threat?* Dear me, prime minister, you must be in need of a good night's sleep. No, you can put that joker anywhere you like. No danger from that quarter. You could even *promote* him. ha, ha, ha...

PM: I see. And how do you think Douglas Hurd's doing at the FCO?

RR: Wearing himself out, sir. A few more years of this and he'll be finished. He needs a rest, or he may soon pack in serious politics.

PM: Hm. And Heseltine?

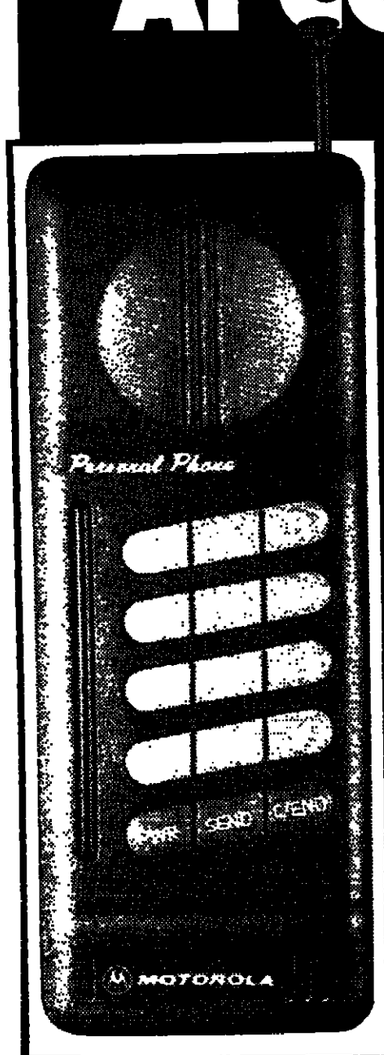
RR: The lads don't think he's doing himself any good at all at industry, sir. Not impressed.

PM: Thank you, Richard. And one last question. Who would you put at agriculture?

RR: Easy, sir. Anyone you like, but not a woman. Farmers won't stand for it, prime minister. They'd eat her alive.

PM: Thank you, Richard.

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As Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke is perfectly placed to follow in the steps of his leader

Only one rung left to climb on the ladder of ambition

BY SIMON HEFFER

Mr Major has exchanged a man who was no threat to him politically for one who could be the next Tory leader

IT MAY console John Major, at this difficult time for him, that he was the first Tory prime minister for more than 30 years to move up from the Treasury to the leadership. On the other hand, it may not console him that Kenneth Clarke is an even better politician than he is.

In the interests of his party's credibility, Mr Major has sacked a man who was no personal threat to him and replaced him with one for whom there is only one more rung on the ladder of ambition — the rung upon which Mr Major himself is precariously perched.

That the reshuffle looks to have been botched, with only one minister leaving the cabinet when it would have been better to remove four or five, is another bonus for Mr Clarke.

The uncertainty and drift that have characterised recent Tory politics may be partly assuaged by the smack of firm Treasury government; but the problems Mr Major has are no longer simply economic. Mr Clarke has been put in the happy position of having the chance to achieve something creditable in an important area of politics while he watches (unhappily, of course) difficulties abounding in other departments.

The risk Mr Major took in appointing him was not just in creating a pretender to his tarnished crown. It was in further splitting an already fractious and turbulent party. Michael Howard, or indeed Peter Lilley, would have been better qualified to run the Treasury. Mr Clarke got the job, though, for a traditional reason — that he has a large constituency in the party; and for a modern one — that his appointment will not upset our European partners.

However dodgy some of Mr Clarke's European credentials might seem to some of his Thatcherite colleagues, he can be relied upon to be tough on public spending. He has a distinguished record of taking on doctors, ambulancemen, drugs companies, teachers and, most recently, policemen, and forcing them to recognise the need to be more efficient. It is some reassurance to the right of the Tory party that although he seems to have gone into every job he has held with a reputation for what we used to call "wetness", he has come out of almost all those jobs with an enhanced reputation for toughness and lack of compromise.

There are, with good reason, lingering suspicions about Mr Clarke's European views. When I interviewed him two months ago, he reaffirmed his commitment to the European Community, to closer co-operation and to a return to a system of managed exchange rates. The line on exchange rates has softened palpably since then, as he saw the next rung of the ladder coming more clearly into view. In his last comments as unofficial Tory economics spokesman, last Sunday, he owned up to the reality that Britain would not go back into the ERM before the end of this parliament. That, though, is a double-edged statement. At the rate this government's majority is declining, there could well be an election as early as the spring of 1995.

However, Mr Clarke will be careful not to offend the right, and not just because of the destabilisation that might cause to his party. The parliamentary party remains right of centre. If there were to be a leadership election Mr Clarke would never, of course, stand against Mr Major. However, if Mr Major had left the field, a contest between Mr Clarke and Mr Howard seems certain. And if Mr Clarke is to stand a chance, he must build on the firm base of support he has on the right of the party, not destroy it.

He can do that in more ways than simply trying to sound non-federalist. The right wants heavy public spending cuts to help ensure that taxes do not have to rise and he may listen to it. However painful it may be to have to pay for one's hospital food, or for one's children's prescriptions, it is not so painful as having to pay higher income tax every month, or to find the interest rate on one's mortgage forced up by the size of the government's borrowing requirement. Mr Clarke has the presentational skills and public credibility to put across that point.

But the real issue for the long term is the further promotability of Mr Clarke. The campaign he ran to become Chancellor was reminiscent of Michael Heseltine's campaign to become leader, with the difference that it worked for Mr Clarke, who had the benefit of aiming at a smaller electorate. Mr Clarke has always given the impression of being cleverer and more able than Mr Heseltine, some of whose views he closely mirrors.

He is not a man given to dissimulation. Baroness Thatcher respects him for his willingness to tell her, in 1990, that either she sent or he did. Mr Major should reflect on that: when you are in as strong a position as Mr Clarke is — at the moment — those are precisely the sort of threats you can afford to issue.

Simon Heffer is deputy editor of The Spectator



Time for a change: Mr Clarke ruled on the sale of beer at the Home Office; now he will tax it at the Treasury

Opponent of treaty 'sacked for his principles'

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND SHEILA GUNN

EDWARD Leigh, a right-wing junior trade and industry minister, said last night he believed he had been dismissed by John Major because of his opposition to the Maastricht treaty and other aspects of government policy.

Mr Leigh was one of three junior ministers dismissed in yesterday's government reshuffle. The others were Kenneth Carlisle, the roads minister, and Robert Jackson, William Waldegrave's deputy at the public service and science department. In addition, Tristan Garel-Jones, the Foreign Office minister for Europe, and Archie Hamilton, the armed forces minister, are relinquishing office at their own request.

Mr Leigh, who has been working on plans to privatise the Post Office, said he had been called in by the prime minister at 2.15pm and told he would have to go. "The prime minister was very straight about it. He said that I was a man of conviction — that was my strength — and I had made no secret of my disagreement with some of the policies and personalities of the government. He said that he wanted a united team in these difficult times but perhaps I could come back later."

He said that he had argued his case against the Maastricht treaty among ministers and with the prime minister. "I made no secret of my opposition to the Maastricht treaty. He is entitled to have a government of ministers who agree with him on the big issues of the day. I am not bitter about it. I expressed my views very strongly. He was entitled to sack me."

Mr Garel-Jones's surprise announcement late last year that he intended to return to the back benches after the Commons passage of the Maastricht bill made a reshuffle inevitable this summer. After eight years in the Whips' Office and three years at the Foreign Office, Mr Garel-Jones has been close to the centre of power for more than a decade.

His passionate pro-European views made him a *bete noire* of the Tory Euro-sceptics during the Maastricht sittings. However, he had the satisfaction of seeing off the rebels.

Mr Leigh, a member of the Thatcherite No Turning Back Group of ministers, had to be persuaded not to resign last week over the third reading vote on the Maastricht bill. Last year, after the first Danish referendum, he convened a meeting of ministers, attended by Michael Portillo, the chief secretary to the Treasury, and Peter Lilley, the social security secretary, which concluded the treaty was dead.

Mr Leigh said that he was looking forward to the freedom and independence of the back benches. But Mr Leigh's friends were appalled at his dismissal, saying that sacking a man for expressing views held by many Tories was a curious way to go about uniting the party. "The sensible thing would be to have drawn a line under the events of the past year and recognised that Europe fell outside the ordinary business of government," one right-wing minister said.

Dear Kenneth: we hope that you will score a century in the first hour of play

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you will have to make for yourself. The third rule is not to take too much notice of the Bank of England either; they will merely give you a different sort of wrong advice.

All that will be easy for you. I do not detect in you that false modesty which would make you over-attentive to official opinion. The next piece of advice is more difficult. You must face up to the fact that you do not know what on earth you ought to do. Economics is a difficult and imprecise field of knowledge — it should not be called a science, of which you have a healthy and extensive ignorance. You are, if I may say so, a highly intelligent jobbing politician, but that does not give your opinion on economic policy any high authority.

An almost impossible position — advisers who have usually been wrong, your own substantive ignorance of the subject matter. What could create graver difficulties? What to someone of your temperament could be more enjoyable? There is nothing else for it but a policy of vigorous improvisation, and that is what you do best.

Do not therefore bother to set yourself targets. You do not know whether the economy is going to grow by 2 per cent this year; nor does anyone else. You do not know whether inflation will be less than 4 per cent; nor does anyone else. Discard anything that belongs to the bogus specifics of forecasting the unknowable. If you set yourself targets some of them are bound to be missed and then we shall all lose confidence in you. Instead of targets you should set yourself general direction.

Nothing else will work unless you can make the economy grow and get the budget deficit down. If the economy grows by an average of about 3.5 per cent for the next four years, unemployment will come down, the budget deficit will come down, taxation will not need to be raised by too much, and most of the welfare state can be saved. All sorts of other agreeable consequences will also follow. John Major will again be regarded as a successful prime minister. The Conservative party will win the next election. You will become John Major's inevitable successor. And we'll be able to grumble over the garden fence at Michael Portillo who, as Chancellor in the later 1990s, will have to clear up the troubles that you have left behind.

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You have only one economic instrument which can be used to achieve this growth rate. You cannot run a larger budget deficit than your predecessor has bequeathed you. We really cannot go to a deficit of above £1,000 per head of the population. As you cannot have a fiscal policy because Norman Lamont has left that cupboard bare, you are only left with an interest rate policy.

You will be told by the advisers that you cannot cut interest rates. They will say that it would be highly inflationary, that there is a strong recovery already, that sterling will fall even against the dollar, that the Bundesbank will not approve, that it will restart the old troubles of the British economy, and so on. You should of course attend to what they tell you. That is only polite. But if you believe them you will be dead, and your party and government with you.

Inflation may be a problem later in the decade. It is not a problem now. The world is a very deflationary place, with depression or low growth in almost every country outside China and Southeast Asia. Of course a growth policy may reach a point at which growth starts to get out of control. Yet your problem is to get growth started at all. As you certainly cannot cut taxes, and certainly cannot afford higher expenditure, the only thing you can do is to cut interest rates.

You might ask how you should get competent advice if you are to take no notice of the advisers who have been so helpful to Norman Lamont. I can tell you. You should seek advice from people who are really clever. There is a simple test of that. Never take advice from anyone who is not obviously cleverer than yourself, without underrating yourself. Economics is difficult, and middle-brains always get them wrong: really clever people get them wrong slightly less often. Peter Jay is a very clever man and I am sure the BBC would be happy for him to tell you what to do.

The second rule is to avoid young economists. There really are business cycles. Those who are seeing a cycle go around for the first time are bound to mistake its real pattern. The third rule is to take advice from people who have lived with markets and actually like them. The world economy is a market, not a bureaucracy, and market men see it much more clearly than bureaucrats.

The fourth rule is to have men about you that are fat; "sleek-headed men and such as sleep o'nights." The odds are that your policies will fail, one way or another. The British economy is at best a 50-1 horse in the world Derby. Your chances of success will be improved if you can keep your spirits up, and you should therefore work with cheerful advisers.

You have of course already decided not to go back into the ERM, a very sensible decision. Certainly do not do anything just because your European partners want you to. They have their own fish to fry, and cannot be relied on to fry ours. In any case, have a good time of it. You go in to bat like Botham in a Test match; we know you may be out in your first over, but hope that you will score a century in the first hour of play.

Yours, William

Rise and rise of the politically adept lawyer from Llanelli

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE cautious lawyer from Llanelli in South Wales deserved a reward from John Major on two fronts: Michael Howard has not conspired against Norman Lamont or other Cabinet colleagues and has quietly eased in the switch from poll to council tax, one of the government's few successes over the past year.

The right wanted him to be Chancellor. But he is unlikely to be dissatisfied with the Home Office, one of the great offices of state, at a time when law and order is a key issue. Mr Howard supported capital punishment for the murder of police officers when the Commons voted on the issue in 1990. Two years earlier he had opposed the return of the death penalty.

For a long time Michael Howard was dogged by the question: Is he just another clever lawyer? But his meticulous handling of the introduction of the council tax and, ironically, its doomed predecessor, the poll tax, together with water privatisation and trade union reforms, put paid to such doubts. He has developed the political antennae to keep out of serious trouble while holding his ground.

He is often loath to show his hand too openly, which led to some less-talented English MPs painting him as a rather sinister, sly figure. But after Black Wednesday he did not hesitate to tell Cabinet colleagues that Britain should not re-enter the European exchange rate mechanism.

His rise is remarkable by any standards. His father had a women's wear shop in South Wales, son Michael attended the local grammar school and went on to Cambridge to read economics before switching to law. He become a QC, specialising in planning enquiries and employment law. Until 1988, he was also a member of Lloyd's.

Part of the so-called Cambridge mafia, he was union president in 1962; Kenneth Clarke followed as president in 1963 and Norman Lamont in 1964. Mr Howard is smoother than the former home secretary and more restrained than the former Chancellor. He is keener than his old friends on studying all the contents of his red boxes but less clubbable.

He fought two hopeless Merseyside seats, which delayed his entry into Parliament until 1983, when he became MP for Folkestone and Hythe. Once in, he rose fast. Within a year he was parliamentary aide to Sir Patrick Mayhew; in three he was minister for consumer and corporate affairs.

Switch marks a change of guard on Europe

BY SHEILA GUNN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

DAVID Heathcoat-Amory follows Tristan Garel-Jones in moving from deputy chief whip to become the Foreign Office's minister for Europe. There the similarity ends.

The new minister has a slightly old-fashioned air, believing loyalty matters above all and never appearing ruffled by the hypertension affecting the Commons in recent months. He is regarded as a Euro-sceptic and his move to the Foreigh Office in place of the stongly pro-European Mr Garel-Jones will please the right of the party.

A key factor in his promotion has been the admiration of Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary. Mr Heathcoat-Amory was his parliamentary aide when he was home secretary. Previously he had worked for Norman Lamont.

Educated at Eton and Oxford, Mr Heathcoat-Amory is an accountant, a landowner and a former member of Lloyd's. He entered Parliament as MP for Wells in 1983.

☐ *John Gummer's reputation as the great survivor of British politics has been confirmed by his elevation from the agriculture ministry to the environment department, a job he has long coveted (Michael Hornsby writes).*

He was not, by all accounts, Mr Major's first choice for the position. The prime minister is understood to have offered the environment job to Mr Lamont as a consolation prize for losing the Treasury. Mr Lamont turned it down.

It is not the first time that Mr Gummer has benefited from the misfortunes of others. In 1983 he was a vice-chairman of the party when Cecil Parkinson, then chairman, was disgraced over the Sara Keays affair. The chairmanship more or less fell into his lap.

Mr Gummer was devoted to Mrs Thatcher, but after she was ousted, he seconded Mr Major to succeed her, standing him in good stead since.

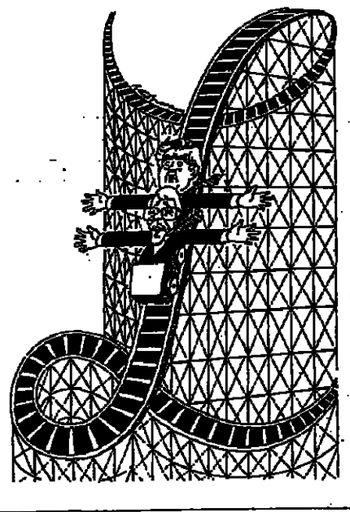
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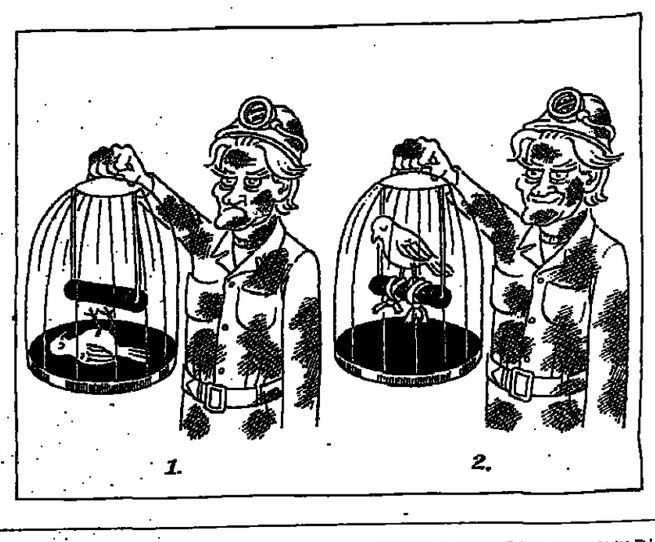
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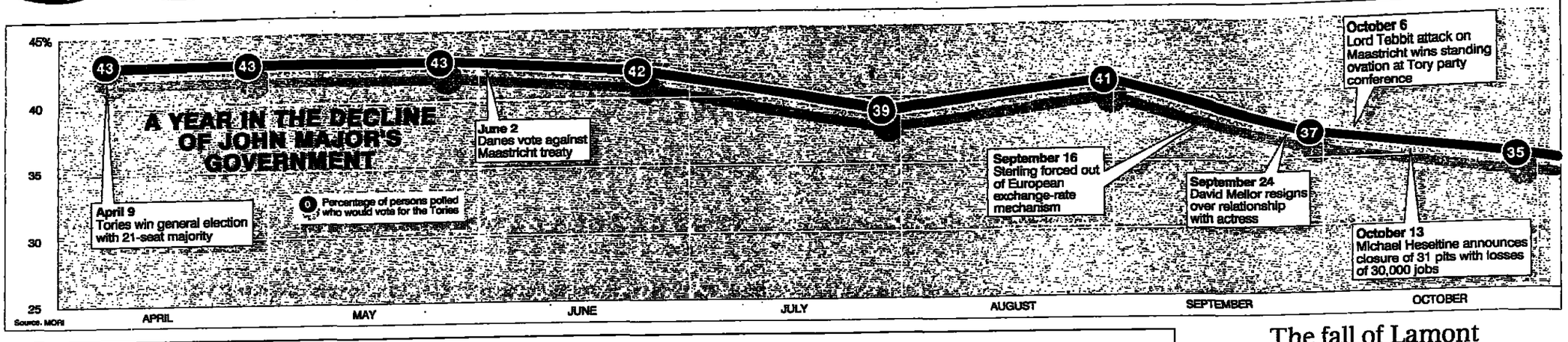












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The fall of Lamont

Green shoots that grew to choke the Chancellor

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

RARELY can a Chancellor have lingered so long on death row. Immediately after September's humiliating devaluation, most Conservative MPs thought Norman Lamont was finished. Yesterday, John Major faced political reality.

One Tory MP had said the night before: "There are two groups in the cabinet. One thinks Norman is hopeless and should be sacked. The other thinks he is a nice chap, good at his job and that he should be sacked."

Ministers had at last come to accept that whatever the rights and wrongs of Mr Lamont's 31-month stewardship at the Treasury, his standing with the public, with businessmen and the City was so low that he was an obstacle to economic recovery and so to a fifth successive election victory. Mr Lamont, 51, who played a pivotal role in Mr Major's accession to the Tory leadership in 1990, was brought down primarily by the recession. It is hard to imagine any politician weathering the economic winter of recent years with his reputation intact.

Yet Mr Lamont hardly helped his own cause. A Eurosceptic more by repute than deed, he inherited an economic policy founded on membership of the exchange-rate mechanism and born of the cabinet battle of the late 1980s. Mr Lamont, who made his name as a backbencher in 1973 with an attack on the then heretical philosophy of monetarism, learnt to trim, becoming a staunch defender of the ERM, a system that many believed he privately doubted.

After gaining office in 1979 as a junior energy minister, he spent the subsequent years marooned in a series of middle-ranking posts until becoming Chief Secretary to the Treasury in 1989.

Right until the bitter end, he was insisting that there would be no devaluation, saying on August 26 that the ERM "is at the centre of our policy".

After the September 16 blow to his credibility, he made matters even worse by his "singing in the bath" remark, implying that despite his past insistence he never believed in the ERM policy in the first place.

That was not the only time an injudicious, and perhaps misinterpreted remark, undermined his standing. He had spent the previous year heralding "green shoots" of recovery. His comment that high unemployment was a "price worth paying" for lower inflation returned to haunt him.

> 'He became a defender of the ERM, a system many believe he doubted'

Meanwhile, the tabloid press had fun with Mr Lamont. One newspaper disclosed that he had inadvertently let his London home to a sex therapist, and the furore over who paid the legal costs of evicting her provided much copy for media critics.

Even more damaging was the revelation that, with public finances deep in the red, Mr Lamont was regularly over his credit card limit. Accusations — groundless, it transpired — about buying cheap champagne in Paddington added to the impression of low farce.

Mr Lamont's rendition of Edith Piaf during the Newbury by-election went down badly with voters quietly furious at the government's mismanagement of the economy.

Admirer in Grimsby fails to keep mum

BY BILL FROST

WHEN a terminally beleaguered Chancellor decides his time is up, who better to tell the outside world than perhaps the only person who never believed all the vile headlines and foul smears?

So it was that Norman Lamont yesterday rang his mum back home in Grimsby to break the bad news: the backbench detractors, media reptiles and City slickers had succeeded in toppling him from the second most important job in British politics.

Irene Lamont, the first outside Number 10 to know the worst, was not best pleased. However, Norman had maintained his courage in adversity. "No, he did not sound very upset when he rang," she told *The Times*, before slamming down the telephone receiver.

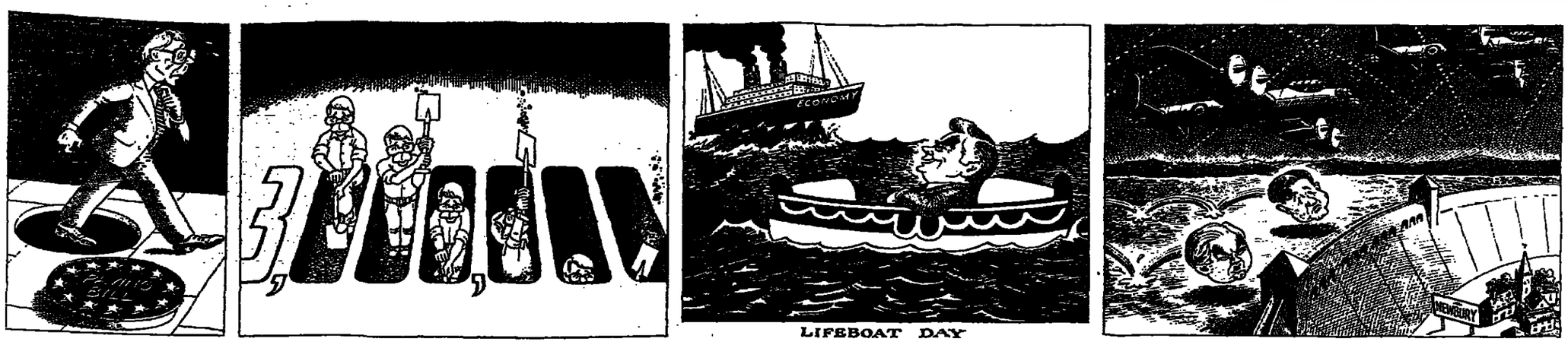
In defiance of custom and practice on these unfortunate occasions, Mr Lamont's mother had much earlier contacted the local paper, thus guaranteeing a steady flow of reporters, photographers and camera crews to her doorstep.

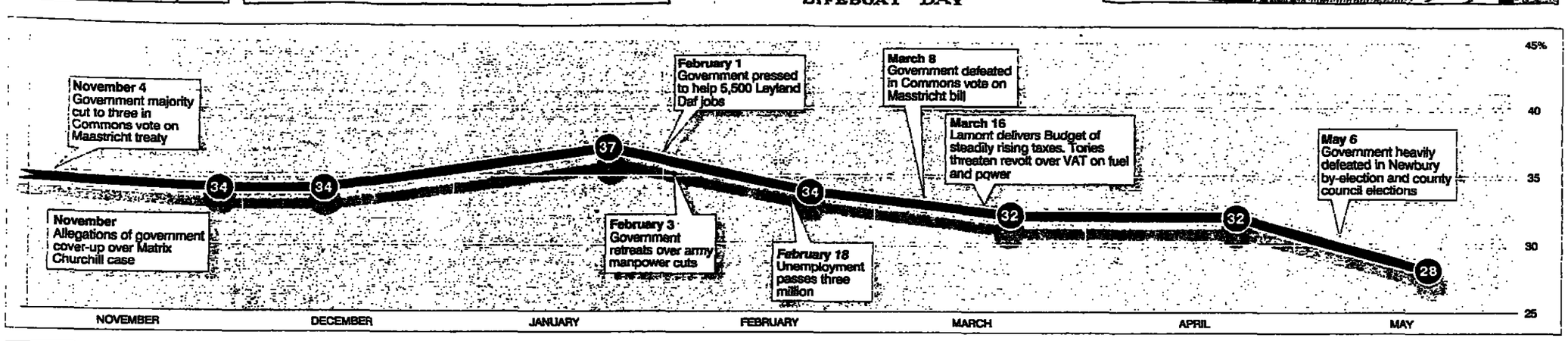
"For the past three years, they have given Norman a very rough ride," she told Grimsby's *Evening Telegraph*. "He had done very well in the time that he had been Chancellor — and that was an achievement in itself."

Mrs Lamont, 82, said she had decided to give the news because friends who knew her son while he was at school in Grimsby "would be interested". As the media circus pitched camp, Mrs Lamont decided that a certain value attached to her views on the reshuffle. "It is £10 a question, and if you can't afford it, then lay off, laddie," she said. "And I will tell you where the money is going, boys — straight in my pocket."

Subsequently she called in a friend to drive journalists from her doorstep. Mrs Lamont was said to have "changed her mind" about dealing with the press.

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The fall guy Lamont?

Treasury scapegoat takes the blame for public's discontent



Anyone appointed Chancellor in December 1990 was unlikely to survive, Bruce Anderson *writes*

Politics has always been a cruel profession, but even by those standards Norman Lamont has been harshly treated, as the circumstances of his departure make plain. Two and a half years ago, he ran John Major's campaign for the leadership and ran it well. Within hours, he had turned an enthusiastic shambles into a crisp and disciplined organisation.

The Treasury was his reward, but even if he had not been the campaign manager he would still have been the best qualified candidate. In retrospect, that was to his disadvantage, for it is unlikely that anyone appointed Chancellor in December 1990 could have survived.

Mr Lamont inherited three near-mortal crises. Inflation was almost at 11 per cent, the economy was in recession and the public sector deficit was rising alarmingly. In 30 months, two of these have been solved. No Chancellor has achieved a greater percentage fall in inflation — and despite the tough measures needed to achieve that, the recovery is under way. Public spending remains a hazard, but Mr Lamont has already imposed tax increases and spending restraints. As long as the country has more luck than the Chancellor has had, that problem, too, is soluble.

But poor Mr Lamont: far from being given the credit for solving problems, he was treated as the scapegoat. The ERM fatally undermined him.

Membership of any system of fixed exchange rates always involves politicians in a moral hazard, for it imposes upon them the duty to lie. If during the two years of British membership, Mr Lamont had been able to speak openly he would have said something like this: "I have never been theological about exchange rates. Sometimes a fixed rate is desirable, at other times it is better to float. For the present, I think we are right to be in the ERM. After all, our record in running a domestically-based monetary policy during the 1980s was hardly inspiring. But as to whether the parity is sustainable, not to mention the strains that German reunification is imposing on the system, only time will tell."

But if Mr Lamont had given even a hint that those were his innermost thoughts, British membership of the ERM would instantly have collapsed. So he had to claim that our policy was immutable and unshakeable, even though he knew it was nothing of the kind. After our undignified exit on Black Wednesday, a different sort of politician — Harold Wilson, Denis Healey, indeed Ken Clarke — might have been able to bluster his way through. But Mr Lamont is no blusterer.

He also lacks the luck and the sureness of touch to be an outstanding politician. After he left the ERM, he had good reason to sing in his bath, but it was unwise to let the world overhear him. When he said: "*Je ne regret rien*", it was merely a flippant answer to a frivolous question, but the big beasts of the political jungle need to know instinctively when to eschew flippancy.

To many of the public, Threshergate and the contretemps over Mr Lamont's female tenant might also have seemed instances of flippancy, but they were just the vilest bad luck. So was "green shoots". For at least a year before any shoots surfaced, lots of ministers, including the prime minister, would regularly talk up the recovery. It was Mr Lamont's misfortune that his phrase reached the headlines.

Millions have suffered in the recession, many of them Tory supporters who had thought recessions only happened north of Watford. They have been looking for someone to blame: Mr Lamont fell because he lacked the political skill to avoid that blame.

That, however, may have worked to Mr Major's advantage. Someone had to fall victim to the government's unpopularity: some minister had to perform the tonsils' function for the Tory body politic — to soak up all the poison and then be surgically excised. Over the past few months, those arguments were put to the prime minister, but for a long time he resisted them. His reluctance to sacrifice an old friend to whom he had owed so much and with whom he had fought so many battles was genuine and deep. But in the end, he had to yield to *force majeure*.

In the midst of so much economic pain, it would have required a combination of Einstein, Wittgenstein, Frankenstein's monster and Mother Theresa to remain popular. Mr Lamont is only a mortal.

It is a reflection on the difficulties of post-war British economic history that there have been so few unquestionably successful Chancellors: only Butler, Jenkins and Howell qualify. It would not be possible to argue that Mr Lamont belongs in that small group, though he may have laid the foundations to enable Ken Clarke to do so. But once the smoke of controversy clears, his record will look better and better.

Mr Lamont is a tougher character than his gentle exterior would suggest, but after yesterday's news he will be stricken to the core. It is to be hoped that he makes a speedy recovery. Mr Lamont is one of the most thoughtful observers of politics in the Conservative party, and once he puts disappointment behind him could become a much-needed strategist and elder statesman.

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Tracing the government's fortunes: John Major spoke buoyantly in Downing Street last April on what he would do for the country over the following five years. Thirteen troubled months later, he may be pondering on what the country has done to him (Arthur Leathley writes). After two months of relative calm, the government's plans were first shaken when Danish voters voted narrowly against ratification of the Maastricht treaty in June.

That weakening blow preceded a turbulent summer which concluded with sterling under incessant pressure on the foreign exchange market. When dramatic action on September 16 failed to prop up the pound, sterling was forced out of the exchange-rate mechanism and the clamour quickly grew for the Chancellor to be sacrificed.

In a stormy autumn, David Mellor resigned as heritage secretary after revelations about his private life, and Lord Tebbit won massive support at the Tory party conference with his denunciation of the Maastricht treaty. Tory rebellion, already rising over Europe, extended to the coal industry when the government unveiled plans to close 31 pits.

The new year brought little more cheer. Forced to sue over allegations about his private life, Mr Major endured Commons unrest over threats to 5,500 Leyland Daf jobs and army manpower cuts. A gloomy February continued with unemployment rising above three million.

March brought more anguish with a government defeat on the Maastricht bill and Tory MPs threatening to rebel over Mr Lamont's Budget decision to impose VAT on fuel and power.

By May, the government had reached its post-election nadir with crushing defeats in the Newbury by-election and county council elections.

Dear Norman, I have decided to make some changes...

THE prime minister's letter from 10 Downing Street to Norman Lamont said:

Dear Norman,

I told you this morning that I had decided to make some changes to the government. I had hoped that you would feel able to remain as a senior member of the cabinet; but I respect and accept your decision not to stay on. I believe the economic policies you have followed as Chancellor will be seen to have created the conditions for renewed and sustainable economic growth in this country.

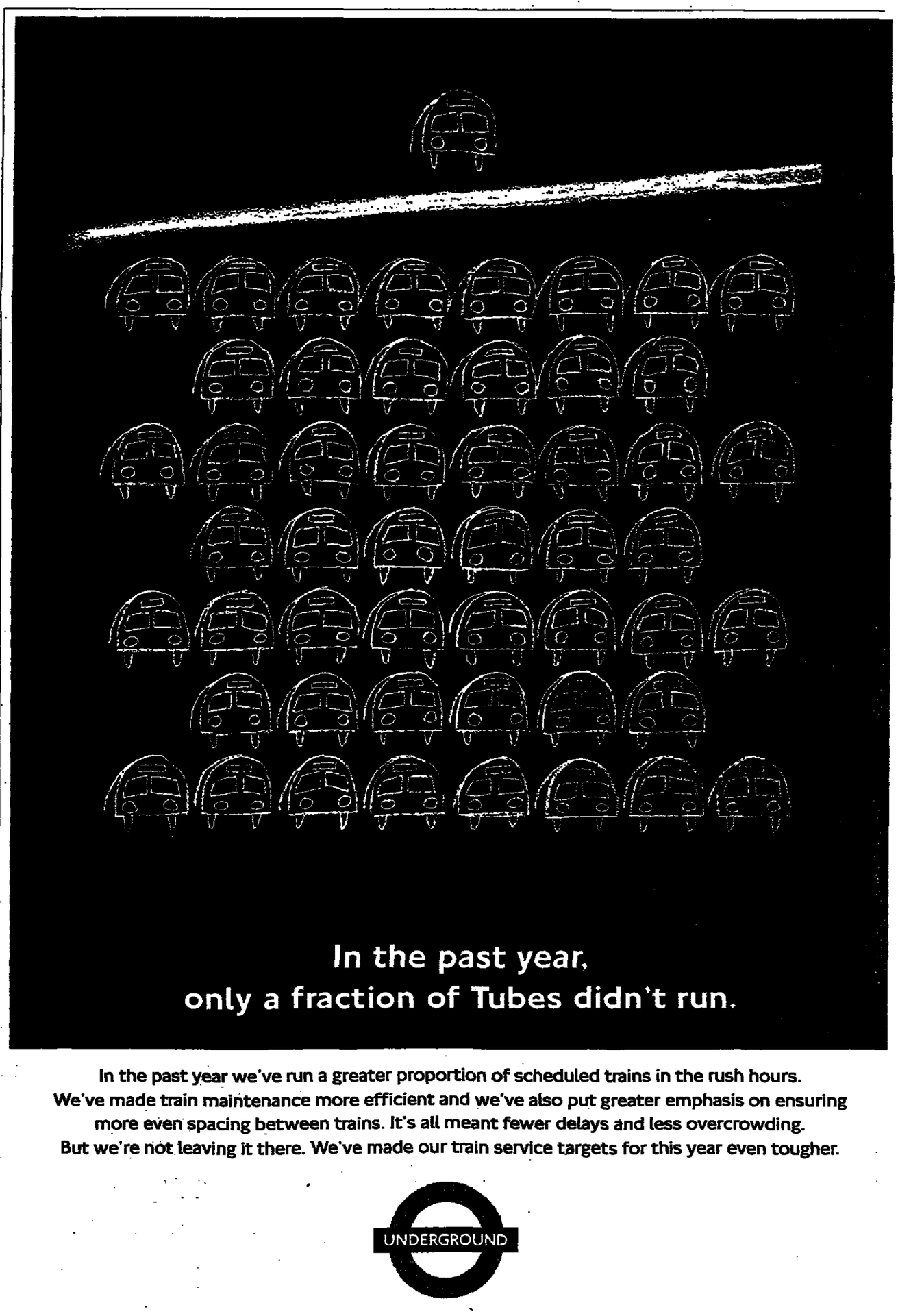
You have served with distinction in successive governments since 1979. You have made a significant contribution to economic and financial policy, first as financial secretary to the Treasury, then as chief secretary, and since 1990 as Chancellor of the Exchequer. You steered through some of our major privatisations. You have not hesitated to take difficult decisions on public spending and you have presented three tax-reforming Budgets — including the second one which did so much to help us win the last election. You shared with me an overriding objective as Chancellor to bring down inflation, and you have succeeded in reducing it to its lowest rate for nearly 30 years. That has been an outstanding achievement.

Norma joins me in sending our best wishes to you and to Rosemary who has supported you wonderfully through a difficult time.

Yours ever, John.

Mr Lamont sent no letter to the prime minister but faxed a statement saying: "I believe the success of the policies I have put in place will become increasingly clear with the passage of time.

"It has been a great privilege to serve my country in successive Conservative governments and for the last two and a half years as Chancellor of the Exchequer."



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Supergun enquiry: Sir Patrick denies encouraging MP to withhold evidence

Mayhew would have had action dropped

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

SIR Patrick Mayhew, the former attorney-general, said yesterday that he would probably have overridden customs chiefs if they had not accepted his advice to drop prosecutions in the supergun affair.

Sir Patrick was giving evidence to the Scott enquiry following allegations earlier in the week by Sir Hal Miller that the former attorney-general had attempted to persuade him to suppress evidence in the case.

Sir Patrick had categorically denied that he had attempted to dissuade Sir Hal from producing documentary evidence that would have cleared a director of a company accused of making parts for the supergun.

In a long statement delivered in calm and measured tones Sir Patrick accepted that he had met Sir Hal in the Commons lobby and discussed evidence in the case but he denied ever encouraging him to withhold the documents. He said that while he had no responsibility to supervise customs prosecutions he would probably have used his powers to prevent a prosecution that he believed would fail.

Sir Hal, a former vice-chairman of the Tory party, told the enquiry earlier in the week that he had been urged not to produce documentary evidence by Sir Patrick during a two-minute conversation in the Commons lobby after parts of the supergun were seized and a number of arrests made of those involved.

In a supplementary statement read out by Lord Justice Scott at the opening of yesterday's public hearing, Sir Hal spelt out his version of a meeting with Sir Patrick in the summer of 1990. He restated his belief that Sir Patrick had tried to dissuade him from supplying at any forthcoming trial documents which suggested that the DTI knew of the supergun. Sir Patrick, now Northern Ireland secretary, differed from this version of the meeting "in one crucial respect. I assert my absolute confidence that I never attempted, as he alleges, to persuade him not to go into court and produce documents.

"I certainly cannot recall the words of my response — but their character, I am confident, was 'so be it' or 'that is up to you'. I am sure I did not say 'you would not do that, would you?' or say anything calculated to convey pressure on him not to do so."

He said that to have done so in the circumstances would have been wholly wrong and inconceivable to him as a private person and as a member of the Bar, let alone as its leader, the attorney-general. The impartiality of his office under the Crown was profoundly important to him, he told Lord Justice Scott. "There was a 'touch it at your peril' label round the whole subject," he said.

SIAN FRANCES



Sir Patrick delivered his statement to Lord Justice Scott "in calm and measured tones"

RUC chief calls for tougher law

BY EDWARD GORMAN
IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

SIR Hugh Annesley, chief constable of the RUC, yesterday called for further fundamental changes to the legal system in Northern Ireland to address the terrorist threat adequately.

He wants the removal of the right to silence and the burden of proof in certain circumstances to be shifted to the accused.

Sir Hugh also revealed that a committee of senior Northern Ireland Office civil servants, police officers and other experts were already discussing his proposals, suggesting that some could soon find their way on to the statute book.

However, one official source spoke with some irritation at Sir Hugh's decision to talk about the matter at a public news conference to launch his annual report in Belfast. He indicated that a number of the proposals were far-fetched.

Later Seamus Mallon, the SDLP security spokesman, said Sir Hugh was panicking, making the fundamental mistake of trying to use the law alone to combat political violence.

Killer saw nurse as anti-Christ

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A NURSE was stabbed to death by a deranged patient who thought that the victim was "an anti-Christ and demon" an Old Bailey jury was told yesterday.

Katie Sullivan, 23, was stabbed 14 times in the hallway of a hostel in Kingston upon Thames, southwest London, run by Mind, the charity helping psychiatric patients, John Kelsey-Fry, for the prosecution, said. The hostel provided a half-way home for hospital patients.

Erhi Inweh, 22, a former clerk, denied murder on the grounds of insanity. She accepted that she carried out the killing. Medical evidence that she was suffering from a delusion caused by schizophrenia was not challenged.

The jury returned a verdict of not guilty to murder, deciding that she was insane when she killed. Judge Denison sent her to Broadmoor indefinitely.

When questioned by detectives Ms Inweh, with a history of psychiatric illness and suffering from delusions caused by schizophrenia, said she was driven to kill Nurse Sullivan. "She was threatening my life and I had to rid myself of her."

Another of the hostel's six residents saw Inweh looking "strange and troublesome" shortly before Nurse Sullivan was heard screaming. Ms Inweh is said to have shouted: "I'm going to kill. Don't stop me." She had taken a knife from the kitchen and plunged it into the nurse's back and then turned her and stabbed her in the chest.

Phil Morgan, the hostel manager, dragged Inweh off Nurse Sullivan, who was on the floor. She had been fatally wounded in the heart, lung and liver, Mr Kelsey-Fry said.

Later, Inweh told police that she had a grudge against the nurse after they had had an arguement on a trip to Richmond Park four months earlier. "I decided to kill her when I got up," she said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Trains, 52, go down drain for last time

The four oldest trains in London will run on Network SouthEast's underground Waterloo and City Line for the last time today. Introduced on the service, known as "The Drain", in October 1940, they are the last trains in the capital in service from pre-British Rail days.

Network SouthEast is spending £23 million to modernise the one and a half mile line, which links Waterloo with Bank, including new trains and state-of-the-art signalling. The line will be closed for six weeks while the work is done. One of the trains will go to the National Railway Museum's collection at York but the other three will end up at a scrapyard in Glasgow.

Murder appeal fails

Sam Hill, serving life for murdering a man with a baseball bat during a battle between gangs on an estate in Bordon, Hampshire, and whose case was taken up by BBC's *Rough Justice*, has lost his appeal. Judges refused to accept a confession from Dave Smith, Hill's friend, that he had caused the death of Malcolm Barker in self-defence.

Hostage boat freed

A government fisheries protection vessel that had been held hostage for two nights by protesting Scottish fishermen was freed yesterday afternoon. Fisherman from Girvan in Strathclyde blocked the harbour on Tuesday night flying protest banners against legislation that will restrict some of them to 80 days a year at sea.

Police wait at bedside

A woman who was attacked as she walked her dogs on a common at Chipperfield, Hertfordshire, on Monday is still too ill to be interviewed by detectives. But Linda Hardy, 43, has shown signs of recognising her family, Elka Brookes, her daughter, said yesterday. A woman officer is waiting by Mrs Hardy's bedside at the Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, northwest London. Mrs Hardy has a fractured skull, broken nose, smashed cheek bones and broken jaw. A scan has shown there is no brain damage.

Instant legal mercy

Magistrates cut a driver's fine from £450 to £72 when his employer called out in court that she was sacking him. David Thomas, 22, a catering company driver, was banned for three years at Solihull, West Midlands, for drink-driving. Thomas asked for time to pay the fine as he might lose his job and his boss called out: "He's sacked now."

Jazz FM heads north

Jazz FM, the London-based jazz, blues and soul music radio station, has beaten ten other applicants to win a new eight-year regional radio licence for northwest England. Jazz FM will broadcast in the Merseyside area, reaching a potential audience of 4.3 million adults, from September 1994. Its London audience is 666,000.

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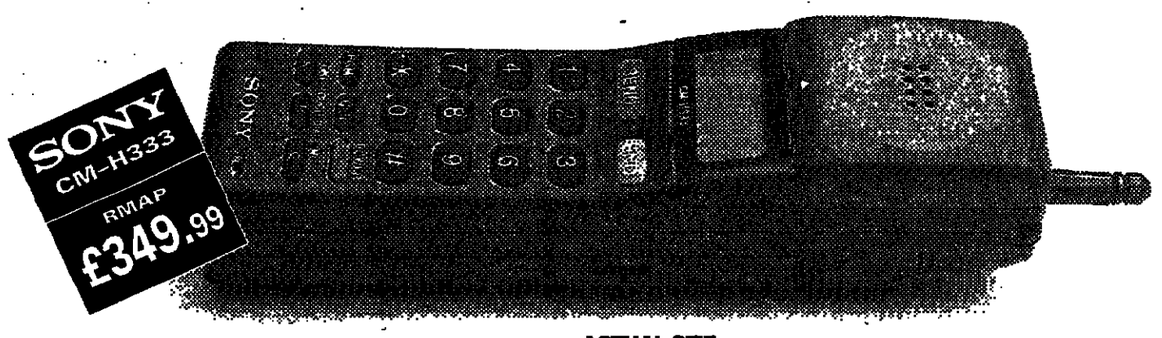
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Intensive care units turn away hundreds of sick children

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

CRITICALLY ill children are dying after being turned away from paediatric intensive care units because there are not enough beds, specialists say.

A survey conducted for the BBC television programme *Public Eye* found children were refused admission on more than 400 occasions to 15 main units in England and Wales last year. Many were cared for in adult intensive care units ill-equipped to look after children and lacking the necessary expertise. Some did not receive intensive care of any kind, despite being in serious danger.

A second survey, commissioned by the health department and leaked to *Public Eye*, showed that more than 2,300 critically ill children were cared for in adult intensive care units in 1991. The shortage of resources is putting children at risk, it says.

Many paediatric units have intensive care beds standing empty through lack of cash or staff, according to the enquiry by *Public Eye*. In the programme, broadcast tonight on BBC2, Dr Mark Darowski, consultant anaesthetist at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, which has refused 43 admissions so far this year, says the intensive care is always full. "Many very sick children never make it here. We are under constant pressure ... they die as a result of not coming here."

The programme describes the case of Wentworth Gurney, a one-year-old boy who was admitted to Westminster Children's Hospital with a chest infection. There were no intensive care beds available so he was transferred to the adult intensive care unit at nearby Westminster Hospital.

That hospital was ill-equipped to deal with a patient of Wentworth's size. *Public Eye* says a tube was inserted into his nose to help him breathe. He deteriorated rapidly and possibly terminally. In desperation, his parents telephoned a specialist paediatrician for a second opinion. The boy was taken to Guy's Hospital, where doctors discovered his ventilating tube was the wrong size and had been pushed in too far. With a new tube, Wentworth started to improve and is shown on the programme returning to Guy's later to thank the staff who saved his life.

Brian Mawhinney, the health minister, interviewed on the programme, said he had not seen the British Paediatric Association survey and could not comment on its content. However, he added: "I think the evidence is that we may not have enough intensive paediatric beds."

☐ The Royal College of Nursing said yesterday that parents who fear their children may not be receiving the most appropriate care should speak immediately to the senior nurse or doctor in their child's ward.



No room in intensive care: Wentworth Gurney, shown on "Public Eye"

Scientists trace gene that causes rare cancer

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

SCIENTISTS at Cambridge have identified the gene responsible for a rare inherited cancer that blinds and kills young adults. The gene may also be implicated in commoner kidney cancers.

The gene, a tumour suppressor type, controls cell growth and division. When it is faulty, control is lost and tumours develop. About one person in 30,000 carries the faulty gene, which causes eye or brain tumours in older children or young adults. Some people do not show signs of the gene until after they have passed it on to their children.

The Cambridge team, which collaborated with two American groups to locate the gene responsible for Von Hippel-Lindau disease, report the finding in today's issue of *Science*. Professor Malcolm Ferguson-Smith, head of pathology at Cambridge, says: "The isolation of the gene will not immediately provide a treatment for the disease. However, it will provide a basis for further research and may lead to new forms of therapy."

Professor Gordon McVie, of the Cancer Research Campaign, said: "The effects of this disease — blindness, paralysis and death — can be devastating. This research offers hope to families at risk."

Dr Eamonn Maher of Cambridge said that the same genetic fault had been found in kidney cancers, which represented 2 to 3 per cent of all cancers, and he hoped that locating the gene could lead to treatments for them.

☐ New evidence may explain why women who smoke are four times more likely to develop cancer of the cervix. British scientists have found that cervical cells taken from them show damage to the genetic material, DNA. The conclusion is that the damage may lead eventually to cancer.

Drug addict total rises by 19 per cent

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE number of drug addicts increased by 19 per cent last year, and new addicts by 21 per cent, a severe blow to government efforts to curb abuse.

Labour reacted to the figures by demanding a more co-ordinated government response to tackle drug abuse, especially among the young and in the inner cities.

The figures, published yesterday by the Home Office, showed there were 24,700 addicts last year, with 9,700 new addicts. Michael Jack, a junior Home Office minister, said: "Any identifiable increase in the known number of addicts is a matter for very great concern."

The proportion of registered addicts dependent on heroin fell and the proportion injecting drugs now represents more than half the overall total, the figures disclose.

Tony Blair, the shadow home secretary, called for tougher action to combat drug abuse, particularly among the young. He said that the government's effort lacked co-ordination with policies in one department undermining those of another.

A study of 800 young people aged between 15 and 16 in Merseyside and Greater Manchester found that almost two thirds had taken drugs. The research, carried out by Manchester University, found that 59 per cent had taken cannabis, 25 per cent LSD, 22 per cent nitrates and 16 per cent amphetamines.

Mr Blair said: "This survey indicates a profoundly worrying trend of accelerating use amongst teenagers and is confirmation of anecdotal evidence from youth agencies round the country."

He said that the survey indicated a bleak picture of growing numbers of young drug abusers with some schools experiencing a severe drug problem among pupils.

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THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP



BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

NIGEL Short and Garry Kasparov have crossed swords in a match only once before. This was at London in 1987 in the Hippodrome, in a six game sequence shown on Channel 4 television. Continuing my series of all the games played between Nigel and Garry I show today how Kasparov drew first blood in that match, which he won overall by four wins to two.

White: Garry Kasparov
Black: Nigel Short
London Speed Chess Challenge (Game 1) 1987

Dutch Defence

1	d4	e6
2	Nf3	f5
3	g3	Nf6
4	Bg2	d5
5	c4	c6
6	0-0	Bd6
7	b3	Qe7
8	a4	0-0
9	Ba3	Bxa3
10	Nxa3	Nbd7
11	a5	b6
12	Qd2	Ne4
13	Qb2	Bb7
14	b4	bxa5
15	bxa5	Rab8
16	Rfb1	c5
17	Qc1	Rfc8
18	Qe3	cxd4
19	Qxd4	Qc5
20	Rb5	Qxd4
21	Nxd4	Kf7
22	cxd5	Bxd5
23	Nd5	Ndf6
24	Bxe4	Nxe4
25	f3	exf5
26	Rxd5	Nc3
27	Rxd5+	Ke6
28	e4	g6
29	Rg5	Rb2
30	Kh1	Kf6
31	h4	Rf2
32	Rc1	Rd8
33	Nc4	Ne2
34	Rb1	Rxf3
35	Kg2	Rdd3
36	Ne5	Rxg3+
37	Kf2	Rc3
38	Ng4+	Ke6
39	Kxe2	Rc2+
40	Kf1	Rf3+
41	Ke1	Rh3
42	Re5+	Kd6
43	Rd1+	Kc6
44	Nf2	Rxh4
45	Rd8	Ra2
46	Red5	Rh2
47	Rd2	Rxa5
48	Rc2+	Kb7
49	Rd7+	Kb6
50	Rd3	Rb5
51	Rd8+	Kb7
52	Kf1	g5
53	Kg1	Rh4
54	Kg2	a5
55	Nd3	Rg4+
56	Kf3	Rg1
57	e5	g4+
58	Kf2	Rgb1
59	e6	Rf5+
60	Kg2	h5

Black resigns

Diagram of final position



CHESS NEWS

Championship Update

IN the run up to the championship I will regularly draw attention to chess suppliers and chess centres around the country. In the Midlands I can recommend Francis Bowers Chess Suppliers, 34 Middle Road, Whaplode, Spalding, Lincolnshire PE12 6TW, tel 0406 370166.

Meanwhile in London there are extensive chess facilities at The Chess and Bridge Centre, 369 Euston Road, London (Tel 071 388 2404). Chess and Bridge stock a large variety of books, sets and computers. The Chess and Bridge Centre also publishes Chess Monthly magazine.

The most startling innovation for the forthcoming Times World Chess Championship will be the interactive Times Predictamove game. In order to play it during the Times World Chess Championship it will be essential to be able to follow the game in real time from your own home. The best way of doing this will be to tune in to page 478 of Teletext on Channel 4 where the moves will be displayed as they are played. There is already an excellent chess information service consisting of around five pages of chess every day supplied by the British Chess Federation Publicity Director Adam Black.

Tune in now to get ready for the championship. Remember you can play Predicta move live at the Savoy theatre.

To book your seat for The Times World Chess Championship match between Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short ring First Call on 071 497 9977. Lines are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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Jilted knifeman killed teacher

FROM SEAN MACCARTHAIGH IN BEAUVAIS

A lost shoe led police to the man who killed an Englishwoman in the French countryside

A BRITISH teacher was murdered at random by a young Frenchman in a rage at being rejected by his girl friend, a French court was told yesterday.

Frederic Blancke, then 22, strangled and later cut the throat of Fiona Jones at Compiègne, near Beauvais, northern France, in August 1989. Mrs Jones was in France with her husband on a combined business trip and holiday to celebrate their first wedding anniversary.

Blancke admits killing Mrs Jones, but the court has to decide how premeditated his action was. A finding of premeditation could mean a life sentence; if the court decides the murder was a spontaneous act, he could be jailed for only ten years.

The first day of the hearing yesterday was spent examining the personality of the killer. His parents took the stand and admitted that they had never shown him any affection as a child. "It's a little bit my fault that he's here today," said his mother, 58.

The court heard how the Blancke parents devoted all the time to their shop in the village of Babouef. They never hugged or kissed in front of the children and sent Frederic and his older brother Patrice to boarding school.

Blancke also gave evidence, appearing calm and in control. He said that he had always attracted women but felt that many had chased him for his appearance rather than his personality. "I wanted affection. I'm the romantic type," he said.

A psychiatrist who examined the killer after his arrest said that his relationship with his girl friend Patricia played an essential role in the case. The woman was living with another man while seeing Blancke and refused to leave him. Blancke saw her driving with her boy friend and followed the car to her parents' house. Furious, he turned his car round and then saw Fiona Jones coming towards him on a rented bicycle.

He was to tell police later that she had looked so happy to him that he "couldn't stand it".

After ramming into her bicycle, he jumped from the car and beat her up, leaving her in a ditch. He then left the scene but returned later as Mrs Jones was coming around from the beating. She waved to a passing motorcyclist but he did not realise that she was calling for help and drove on. Blancke, who had arrived behind him, produced a knife and cut Mrs Jones's throat.

In his first confession to police, Blancke said he had driven home especially to get the knife to return and kill Mrs Jones. He later changed this version, claiming that he had only returned to pick up a shoe which he knew would identify him. He said he happened to have the knife in the car and used it.

The argument over which version is correct is crucial to the outcome of the case, as premeditation is considered a vital element of murder in France.

Mrs Jones's husband Mark — they lived at Kingsbury, Warwickshire — said after the first day's hearing: "It seems a rather pathetic excuse to me. I mean, we've all had problems with our girl friends — it doesn't mean you go out and kill someone."

Mr Jones sat opposite his wife's killer in the heat of the courtroom for the entire day. He said: "The guy stood up there and answered questions as if he was in his front room. I think he's living in a bubble."

The trial continues today.

Guarded welcome for president's royal meeting

Robinson's palace visit ends years of stalemate

BY EDWARD GORMAN AND RICHARD FORD

IN AN historic meeting yesterday at Buckingham Palace, Mary Robinson, the Irish president, became the first head of state from the republic to meet a British sovereign since 1937.

The 40-minute meeting has fuelled speculation that a senior member of the Royal family could make an official reciprocal visit, although it is unlikely to be the Queen.

Mrs Robinson, making her seventh visit to Britain since she took office, went to Buckingham Palace after an invitation from the Queen. Both the British and Irish governments gave their approval for a meeting loaded with symbolism on both sides of the Irish border. The Irish president said she was very pleased to accept the invitation. It offered an opportunity for two heads of state to talk privately about various issues.

Mrs Robinson said the meeting was "very symbolic in bringing closer the relationships between Ireland and Britain".

In the Irish Republic, the meeting has been greeted with enthusiastic and detailed media coverage. There is, however, a view that the politicians and Mrs Robinson herself may have got slightly ahead of a sizable minority who still do not appreciate the president sitting down with the head of state of the old enemy. It was partly to avoid antagonising this section of society that Albert Reynolds, the prime minister, and the government generally, have been slightly more reticent about the whole affair than they might have been.

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The Queen yesterday, with Maj Gen Lord Michael Fitzalan-Howard and Gen Sir Desmond Fitzpatrick, presenting new Household Cavalry standards

Drink-drive duke sped away from roadblock

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Duke of Hamilton went on a drinking spree and led police on a car chase after suffering a suspected heart attack, a court was told yesterday. He admitted dangerous driving, assaulting a policeman and drink-driving.

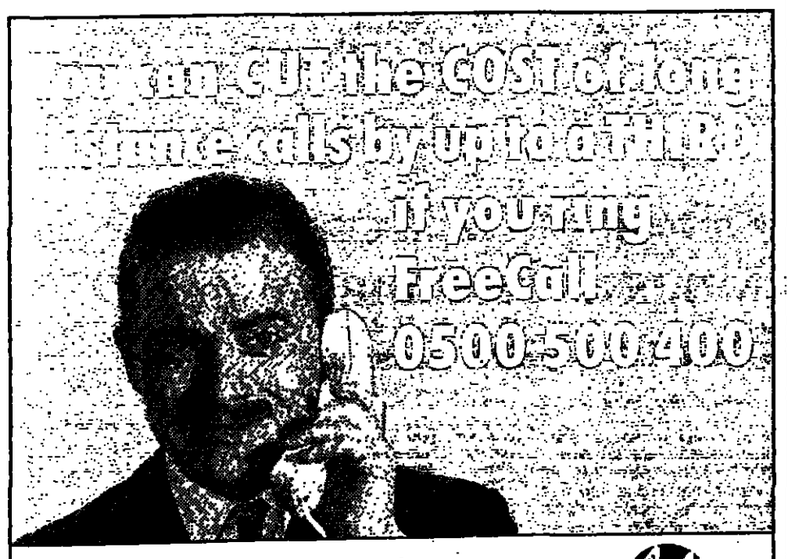
Sheriff John Dean heard that the duke, 54, the Hereditary Keeper of the Queen's residence at the Palace of Holyroodhouse, Edinburgh, had been seen driving his car erratically in the early hours of December 20 last year. He ignored police signals to stop. A high-speed chase followed in which the duke drove through a police roadblock and crashed into a road sign.

John Napier, the Depute Procurator Fiscal, said that the duke then knocked off PC David Lindsay's hat and spectacles. The duke was given a breath test and was discovered to have an alcohol level of nearly three times the legal limit.

George Way, for the defence, submitted a medical report on behalf of the duke. He said that before the incident the duke had been admitted to hospital with a suspected heart attack. He could remember very little of what had happened.

Sheriff Dean expressed surprise that the duke had then consumed alcohol. Mr Way said the duke had reached a watershed in his life and had suffered considerable difficulties. He was separated from his wife and had custody of four children. He had tried very hard to deal with his medical problem, Mr Dean said. Sentence was deferred until June 17.

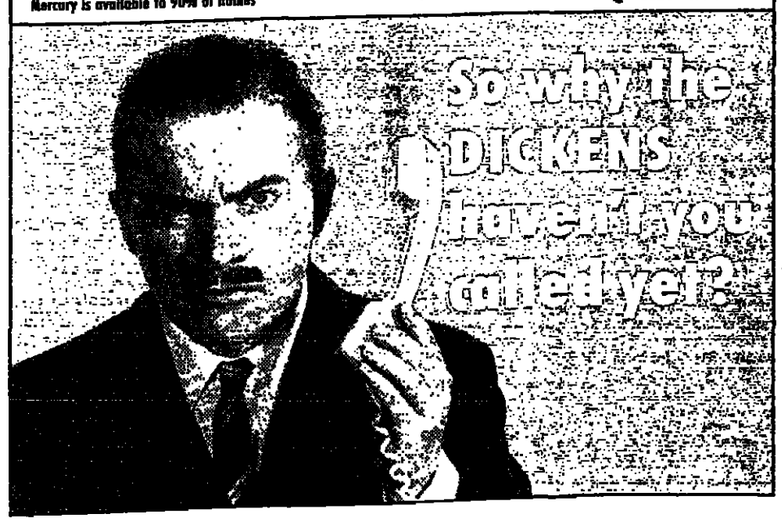
Last summer, the duke's brother, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, minister at the Scottish Office, was responsible for an anti-drink driving campaign in Edinburgh.



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Parents vote against national school tests

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION REPORTER

AN OVERWHELMING majority of parents voted for this summer's school tests to be abandoned, according to results of a national ballot released yesterday.

The National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations, which organised it, increased pressure on John Patten, the education secretary, and demanded that tests for seven, 11 and 14-year-olds be voluntary this term.

Two thirds of parent teacher associations in 2,580 schools called for tests to be halted, with 14 per cent saying they should go ahead.

The ballot contrasts with a telephone poll of 1,000 parents commissioned by the education department in an apparent attempt to spike the association's guns, which showed 57 per cent wanted tests to go ahead.

The association said that the ballot, which had a 27 per cent turnout, represented the views of more than 1.5 million parents. Individual associations decided how to vote after consulting parents or, in many cases, a local ballot.

The result comes amid a battle for public opinion, with the most controversial tests, for 14-year-olds, due to start on Monday week. Few schools are likely to avoid disruption from a boycott by the main classroom unions. Polls by NOP and Gallup this month showed backing by parents for the boycott and for the teachers' argument that the tests are too time-consuming.

The National Association of Head Teachers yesterday launched a campaign gainst national examination league tables. It is determined to halt the first table of primary schools based on seven-year-olds' tests.

The final frontier?

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE Voyager spacecraft have found the first evidence of the edge of the solar system, 16 years after their launch from Earth. The US space agency Nasa has announced that the two spacecraft have detected intense, low-frequency radio signals as they approach the heliopause, where the influence of the Sun disappears.

This region marks the true edge of the solar system where electrically charged particles emitted by the Sun collide with similar particles in interstellar space. The radio signals produced cannot be picked up on Earth.

The two Voyagers began to detect these signals in August, Dr Don Gurnett, of the University of Iowa, told a meeting of the American Geophysical Union in Baltimore. The discovery narrows down the location of the heliopause, which Nasa says remains one of the great unanswered questions in space physics.

Neither spacecraft has reached the heliopause but the signals provide indications of where it may be.

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INVESTORS IN PEOPLE

Pilot error blamed for fatal North Sea crash

By Ian Murray

■ New safety procedures for helicopter operations in the North Sea should result from an accident that claimed 11 lives

FATIGUE, frustration and an over-demanding flying programme may all have contributed to a fatal North Sea helicopter accident, according to the official enquiry report published yesterday.

Eleven out of 17 people on board the Super Puma died on March 14 last year in snow-lashed heavy seas during a 200-yard transfer flight from an oil platform to their floating accommodation vessel off Shetland.

The Civil Aviation Authority accepted the findings in the report and immediately agreed to carry out an urgent study on human error in helicopter accidents and to create a review body to devise a new concept for passenger safety.

The report makes 11 recommendations for improving safety which, between them, underline the need for a thorough overhaul of the way helicopters operate in the North Sea.

The report, by the transport ministry's air accidents investigation branch, says that none of the existing regulations was breached during the flight from the *Cormorant A* platform to the nearby flotel but that human error was responsible for three of the four main causes of the crash.



Shelbourne: the pilot of the helicopter

On the night of the accident, Jonathan Shelbourne, the pilot, is said to have climbed to 250ft while turning downwind and then reduced power. The airspeed dropped to zero and the machine began to fall. Although he quickly applied full power to pull out of the fall, it was too late.

He is blamed for failing to recognise the rapidly changing relationship between airspeed and ground speed. He is also blamed for allowing the airspeed and the height to decrease while turning away from a strong gusting wind with the result that he made "a rushed and hazardous flight manoeuvre ... A number of factors, including possibly some frustration and fatigue, may have led him to rush the manoeuvre."

Both he and his co-pilot, Ian Hooker, who died in the accident, were probably to blame. The report says: "Several human factors, including possibly some fatigue and frustration exacerbated by a demanding flying programme for which the commander was managerially responsible, may have degraded the crew's performance to an extent that the normal safeguards of two crew operation failed."

The report states that the appalling weather, with winds gusting to 55 knots, whipping up snow showers and heavy seas, were all within the flying capabilities of the machine. Although the pilot had been on duty for ten hours 20 minutes and flying continuously for three hours 45 minutes before the crash, there was no suggestion that he had exceeded approved limitations. Both he and his co-pilot were fit, experienced to North Sea conditions and fully trained.

The helicopter had been properly maintained, had sufficient fuel on board and its performance was not affected by the snow and salt which had stuck to the blades and airframe in the storm.

The only mechanical cause was that even the application of full power was incapable of stopping the helicopter plunging down when it began to fall during the rushed manoeuvre.

Once the helicopter hit the surface of the water, one passenger was trapped inside the sinking hull by a jammed headset cord. There was only manual flotation gear to stop the machine sinking and it was impossible to use it. Only one of the two liferafts was deployed and it was damaged. The water was so cold that although 12 of the 17 escaped from the machine before it sank, six died before they could be rescued.

One crucial failing noted during the enquiry was that neither member of the crew had any training in flight management. The CAA is therefore to accelerate a study on reducing the inflight workload of crews, particularly administrative.

According to one experienced North Sea pilot, the "frustration" felt during the fatal flight by the crew was undoubtedly caused by the extra burden of having to do what amounted to paper work while flying a complicated machine in very difficult conditions.

BBC launches annual poll of six million viewers

By Alexandra Frean, Media Correspondent

THE BBC is to launch an annual survey of more than two million households, representing six million viewers and listeners, to find what they think of the corporation's television and radio output.

Described as "the biggest ever rolling referendum on public service broadcasting issues", the project is part of the BBC's drive to improve its accountability.

In its official response to the green paper on the future of the BBC, the corporation said that viewers and listeners would also be canvassed at weekly open meetings held around the country. Focus groups would be formed, in which selected members of the public would be invited to review the BBC's performance and assess specific issues and programming.

Launching the report, John Birt, BBC director-general, said that the corporation wanted to embrace the opinions of viewers and listeners from all walks of life, including the elderly and the unemployed. "We are setting out a radical overhaul of our relationship with our licence fee payers. We want to have a much more open and responsible relationship with them," he said.

But he said that the BBC would not be enslaved by the process. Audience views alone would not be used to decide the future of individual programmes.

Patricia Hodgson, the BBC's head of policy and planning, said that the survey would be cost effective because it would use the corporation's existing data base on the nation's 21.9 million licence fee payers. From next year, about 10 per cent of fee payers, selected at random, would be sent detailed questionnaires. Their response would be made public, she said.

The report, based on an evaluation of 57 public meeting around the country since last November, also committed the BBC governors to assessing the corporation's performance against published standards and disclosing the results in a new annual review. It concluded that the majority of people wanted the BBC to continue to be funded by the licence fee and supported the corporation's independence from the government.

Outlining a new policy on the BBC's commercial activities, the report said that any such ventures would have to be consistent with the BBC's role as a public service broadcaster.



DENZIL McNEELANCE

Height of fashion: Anna Shillingham and Louise Gander model outfits by students at Brighton University in a preview of Graduate Fashion Week, to be staged at the Business Design Centre, north London, from Wednesday

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Hensons Foods, of Vale Royal, north London, was fined £1,000 for selling fake scampi to a Cotswold pub. Cheltenham magistrates were told that a portion was made from processed prawn reformed with chemicals to bind it.

Royal mourner

The Princess of Wales attended the private family funeral at Leatherhead, Surrey, of Inspector Graham Smith, 55, her former chief personal protection officer, who died after a long battle against cancer.

Sand to Egypt

Anthony Peters Manufacturing, of Old Dalby, Leicestershire, has won a contract to send 400lb of coloured quarried sand to Egypt. It will be used by schoolchildren.

Whistler's jail term quashed on appeal

By A Staff Reporter

THE man who was sentenced to 14 days in prison for wolf-whistling at a female juror had his sentence quashed by the Court of Appeal yesterday.

Paul Powell, 21, was reprimanded by Judge Geoffrey Kilfoil at Cardiff Crown Court last week for whistling at Alexa Hamley, 22, and jailed for contempt of court.

Yesterday Lord Justice Staughton, sitting with Mr Justice Popplewell and Mr Justice Laws, said Powell was guilty of contempt but that the sentence was "inappropriate".

Powell, of Cardiff, who spent a day in custody before he was released on bail, showed no emotion as the judges said they would not impose any other penalty and ordered his release.

Lord Justice Staughton said: "Disorder in court is not uncommon these days and it must be discouraged."

Powell's whistle was delivered from the public gallery where he was sitting awaiting the sentencing of a friend. When Judge Kilfoil asked who was responsible, Powell owned up before bolting out of the building. He was arrested in the street and returned to court by seven policeman.

He was given the prison sentence after the judge said he was not prepared to accept his apology. Powell's counsel, Andrew Nicol, told the appeal judges that the wolf-whistle did not amount to contempt as it did not "impede or obstruct the administration of justice".

He pointed out that Powell had had to spend a night in Cardiff prison, which Judge Tumim, chief inspector of prisons, had just described as the worst in the country.

Miss Hamley, who confessed to being flattered by Powell's attentions and condemned his tough treatment, welcomed the decision. "It was contempt. He had to be punished. But a few hours in the cells to cool off would have done," she said.

Aids GP patients swamp helpline

By Gillian Bowditch, Scotland Correspondent

PATIENTS of a doctor who is dying of Aids flooded a telephone helpline with calls yesterday. About 1,000 calls were logged in 24 hours as patients questioned health workers about their chances of contracting HIV.

Health authorities were told only on Monday that Dr Douglas Haire, a 38-year-old GP from Port Glasgow, Strathclyde, has Aids, although he has been ill for a month and was admitted to Inverclyde Royal Hospital last Thursday. He was reported to the health authorities by his own doctor. A spokesman for the hospital said yesterday: "Dr Haire is still seriously ill. He is dying of an Aids related illness."

Ten health workers from four health authorities are carrying out an investigation to discover exactly when the doctor first knew of his condition; they are unable to question Dr Haire, who is too ill to speak. If he knew he was HIV positive prior to being admitted to hospital, he failed to tell the authorities.

Six health care workers manning a special telephone help line had dealt with more than 900 calls from anxious patients by yesterday lunchtime. A spokeswoman for the Greater Glasgow Health Board said: "Basically, people want to know the risk to them. They want to know whether they need to have an Aids test. Our health workers are reassuring them and dealing with their questions."

Doctors emphasise that the risk of patients contracting Aids from the doctor is "extremely remote". He worked at ten hospitals and several general practices in the west of Scotland from 1984. Forty-two women whose babies the doctor helped to deliver at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, and at a hospital in Forres, Grampian, are being contacted to give them extra reassurance.

All sizes are approximate and not to scale. Merchandise subject to availability.

WEEKEND FOOD PAGES

Tasty pickings as seasonal bargains bloom in the aisles

By Robin Young

AS GARDENERS grab for bargains on the final day of the Chelsea flower show, some supermarkets are making flowery offerings too.

Selected Sainsbury's stores feature packets of edible flowers to brighten summer salads at £1.09. Harrods has larger mixed packs of edible flowers at £2.50.

Safeway has a flower launch in progress also, introducing traditional English flowers in 280 stores. Stocks are on promotion until tomorrow at £1.99 for five stems, but these are for putting in vases, not munching.

The first supplies of new season summer fruits are now in the shops. The best buy is likely to be melons. Charentais from Spain are £1.09 each at Waitrose, Galia are down in price to between 90p and £1.50 each, and honeydews £1.25 to £1.50. Juicy watermelons are £2.75 to £3 each, and this weekend Harrods has Spanish seedless at 80p a lb.

The best vegetable buy is new season carrots, coming from France, Spain and Italy at 35p to 40p a lb. Dutch finger carrots, which do not need peeling, are 35p to 45p a lb. The first home-grown carrots will be available in the next fortnight. Fish prices are little altered since last week. North Sea herrings at £1 a lb, Cornish mackerel at 90p, and fresh sardines between £1.50 and £2 are all oil-rich varieties suitable for barbecues. This is a method of cooking that also suits small brill (around £3.50 a lb), red sea bream (about £4.50) and snapper fillets (around £5.50).

For grilling or frying, choose skate which is plentiful at around £2.80 for medium-sized skinned wings.

The first promotional prices are also now coming through on new season lamb. Asda has fresh lamb leg at £2.48, a saving of 50p on last week's price, while Tesco's new season loin chops are down 40p.

☐ Advertised best buys:

Asda: Cucumbers 34p; Galia melons 89p; boneless chicken breast £2.75p a lb; granary loaf 59p.

Gateway and Somerfield: British cured pork shoulder, 29p a quarter; Golden Delicious apples, 19p a lb; fresh chicken quarters, 89p a lb; topside, silverside and top-rump British beef with added fat, £1.98 a lb; bananas, 25p a lb; black grapes, 68p a lb; fresh cod fillet, £1.99 a lb; Dutch Edam £1.19 a lb.

Harrods: Belgian strawberries, £1.95 for 500g; marinated BBQ spare ribs, £1.50 a lb; London smoked salmon, £6.50 a ½lb; rainbow trout, £1.65 a lb; Reblochon de Savoie, £6.40 (whole cheese, weekend only).

Iceland: Four buffet pork pies, 89p; size 1 eggs, 10 for 89p; smoked back bacon, 2 x 7oz, £1.89; coleslaw and diet coleslaw, 2 x 1lb, £1.39.

Marks & Spencer: Litre of freshly squeezed orange juice, £1.85; prawn cocktail, £1.79; 8 chicken breast fillets in orange marinade, £8.99; large potato salad, 99p; prepared fruit salad, £1.39.

Safeway: Delicatessen purchases of £2 qualify for coupons worth £2.50 this weekend. Boneless spare rib pork chops, £1.49p a lb; Emmental cheese, £3.25 a lb; unsmoked middle bacon, £1.29 a lb; Royal Gala apples 36p a lb; Iceberg lettuce, 65p; 800g multigrain loaf, 69p.

Sainsbury: two fresh chicken quarters, 84p; 2lb economy sausages, £1.19; Little Gem lettuces, 55p a pack; size 0 eggs, 69p for six; freshly squeezed orange juice, £1.59 a litre; single cream, 28p for 5fl oz.

Tesco: New season lamb loin chops, £4.09 a lb, or chump steaks £5.09; pork spare rib chops, £1.19 a lb; boneless rolled stuffed belly of pork, £1.44 a lb; whole salmon, £2.18 a lb; courgettes, 59p a lb; tomatoes, 59p a lb.

Waitrose: Giant tiger prawn tails, £4.75 a lb; lemon sole fillets, £3.45 a lb; Canadian lobsters, £5.95 each; fillet steak, £6.99 a lb; farmhouse pork shoulder, £1.59 a lb; Jersey Royal potatoes, 19p a lb; mangetout peas, 99p for 250g; Waitrose dips, 59p for 160g; pineapples, 99p each.

Library to send books on screen

By Alison Roberts, Arts Reporter

DOCUMENTS in the British Library will be available to readers all over the world at the touch of a computer key by the year 2000.

As the paper book diminishes in importance, "readers" will be able to use the library's resources unfettered by national or geographical boundaries. Once the sophisticated remote access technology is in place, the aim will be to deliver six million items a year to people in their homes or offices, screen to screen.

Launching the library's policy document for the next eight years, Dr Brian Lang, chief executive, said that the new technology would preserve books. "It will no longer be necessary for people to lay sweaty palms on priceless and fragile documents," he said.

The library will also press the government to make the automatic deposit of computer material statutory to form a new archive of digital texts.

To achieve its objectives, however, the library will need more funds, on top of the £450 million in public money given to the new British Library building in St Pancras, north London. Mr Lang said an investment of about £3.5 million a year would be needed until the end of the decade.

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Hurd defends need for Britain to play pivotal global role

By Michael Dynes
Whitehall Correspondent

■ The foreign secretary has dismissed criticism that the UK is involved internationally beyond its means. Embassies are crucial to export growth

BRITAIN must continue to play a pivotal role in European and global diplomacy while existing international institutions are reshaped to meet new challenges, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said yesterday.

Dismissing criticisms that Britain had assumed an international role far beyond its means, Mr Hurd told the Royal Institute of International Affairs at Chatham House in London: "Our partners in Europe, the United States and Japan expect it of us. It is in Britain's interests that this should continue."

Membership of the European Community was vital for Britain's interests. "We need to ensure a liberal, outward-looking Community which acts as one in the world. To make a success of the EC, and a success of our membership, the tactics have to be right." Mr Hurd said.

Britain's foreign policy objectives were regularly reviewed and reassessed. "Our diplomatic efforts are not driven by vague political ideas, but by a cool estimation of the British interest." Maintaining embassies and diplomats was a "crucial element" in projecting Britain's influence abroad, he added.

Highlighting the growing role of embassies in promoting British exports, the foreign secretary said: "In many markets, political and commercial work are intertwined. You do not get the contract unless you have mastered the politics and cultivated the politicians. You do not do that by fax machine." Embassies had also played an important role in attracting substantial amounts of inward investment, which was estimated to have created 500,000 jobs in Britain over the past ten years.

"In the foreign service, the man with the best information has a powerful weapon," Mr Hurd said. "We have 216 posts abroad — 6,500 people in the UK and overseas. We have just revolutionised our communications system by moving away from high-frequency radio and towards satellite systems — speeding up transmission eighteenfold." Britain's business community benefited substantially from the support by embassy commercial staff. "We wrote 6,000 market information reports last year; 90 per cent of our customers said that they would use our services again. These services are used by British Aerospace, GEC, Rolls-Royce, and other big British exporters. It is also used by thousands of small businesses."

Moreover, there had been a huge increase in demand for consular services. "British people paid 31 million visits abroad last year, and our consuls are there to help over accidents, illness, death, emergency passports, and imprisonment. They cannot of course do everything asked of them — they are not, as is surprisingly often expected, travel agents, bankers, doctors, lawyers, plumbers or detectives."

Embassies also help to run Britain's £1.9 billion overseas aid programme, Mr Hurd noted.



French connection: Pamela Harriman, the US envoy

Parisians pay court to modern Moll Flanders

From Charles Bremner in Paris

EVER since Benjamin Franklin held the job, the United States has sent some colourful ambassadors to Paris, but none was ever described by the French as "a cross between Lady Hamilton and Moll Flanders".

The image, invoked by the news magazine *L'Express* and by no means negative in French terms, was a typical reaction to the appointment of Pamela Harriman, the English-born grande dame of the Democrats. She arrived yesterday to take up residence at 41 Rue du Faubourg St Honoré.

President Clinton's choice of Mrs Harriman, 73, the war-time bride of the late Randolph Churchill, mother of Winston Churchill MP and most recently widow of Averell Harriman, the railroad heir, diplomat and former governor of New York, is both intriguing and worrying the political world, which has seen a succession of incompetent or lacklustre non-diplomats running America's biggest foreign mission since 1981. Mrs Harriman may speak excellent French, be a formidable power and confidant of the president, say some officials, but the government would rather deal with a professional. An old foreign service hand was thought preferable at a time when Franco-American ties are being buffeted over trade.

Mrs Harriman's Englishness — she became a US citizen in 1971 — is little hindrance since *les Anglo-Saxons* are all lumped together in the French mind. "There might have been a problem had she been the Hillary Clinton type of *Americaine*," said a diplomat. The First Lady is viewed in France with awe and incomprehension. Mrs Harriman, daughter of the eleventh Earl of Digby, is not only the first woman appointed to one of Washington's main embassies since Anne Armstrong went to London in the 1970s, but she is the first US ambassador to Paris since Franklin to speak with an English accent.

For the high society of Paris, the arrival of "*la Pam*" is a source of delight. A brilliant and charming woman, who brought the art of the salon to Georgetown, she is being greeted as a successor to the French tradition of great hostesses. As such she is certain to be appreciated by President Mitterrand, whose admiration for vivacious, high-powered women is well known. She is a planet removed from the likes of Joe Rodgers, the millionaire property owner appointed by President Reagan in the mid-1980s, who promised the Senate that he would "learn the beautiful French language" while in office.

The French media have dutifully reported Mrs Harriman's recent past as mentor to President Clinton and Al Gore, the vice-president, and godmother to the demoralised Democratic party in the 1980s, but it is her spectacular early career as a gay divorcee in postwar Paris that has drawn the widest attention. Only those who have avoided television and the press over the past month could be unaware that her admirers at the time amounted to a virtual roll-call of rich and powerful men, including Gianni Agnelli and a Rothschild.

The media have recalled that de Gaulle was charmed by her presence, as well as a squadron of intellectual and artistic stars who attended her court such as Jean Cocteau, André Malraux and Christian Dior. The names of Frank Sinatra and other US celebrities are also being cited. *Le Figaro* called her "a veritable heroine from a novel" and *Le Point* marvelled at talents for spectacular social success.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Modrow rigged election

Dresden: Hans Modrow, East Germany's last communist prime minister, has been found guilty of ballot-rigging but was given the lightest sentence possible.

Modrow, 65, and three former communist officials, were found guilty on three charges of encouraging the rigging of municipal elections in 1989. The court decided that the four should be let off with a "warning". Modrow was also fined £4,960. *(AFP)*

Aznar ahead

Madrid: Opinion polls show José María Aznar, of the Popular party, leading Felipe González, the prime minister, by up to 24 percentage points after a television debate in the run-up to the June 6 election.

Backing won

Warsaw: Hanna Suchocka, the Polish prime minister, has won pledges of support that could save her government in a no-confidence vote over its budget policies. *(Reuter)*

Iran implicated

Karlsruhe: Iran was behind the killings in Berlin last September of four anti-Tehran Kurdish leaders, German officials said. Five people have been charged. *(AFP)*

Trains halted

Paris: A strike called to protest against job cuts halted 75 per cent of French rail traffic, the state SNCF firm said. *(AFP)*

Community farm deal clears way for accord

From Tom Walker in Brussels

EUROPEAN Community agriculture ministers yesterday conceded to new demands by the French government for an extra £800 million to be made available to subsidise the EC's farmers, boosting hopes for a world trade accord by the end of the year.

John Gummer, making his final appearance at an EC farm council as agriculture minister before the Cabinet reshuffle, and his colleagues finally hammered out a deal on farm prices for the next year. The French government has effectively been bought off with the promise of an extra £10 a tonne in compensation for farmers who set aside land.

Total set-aside payments will now be about £45 a tonne. A spokesman said that good land could yield eight tonnes per hectare (about 2.5 acres), meaning farmers could get £360 per hectare left uncultivated.

The extra set-aside payments will cost £42 million this year, £250 million next year and £461 million in 1995. Rene Steichen, the agriculture commissioner, said the costs could be met within the £29 billion budget reserved for farm subsidies this year.

To qualify for the payments farmers will have to set aside 20 per cent (18 per cent in Britain) of their non-rotational land, or 15 per cent of rotational land. Mr Gummer said it took him ten hours to win the British concession.

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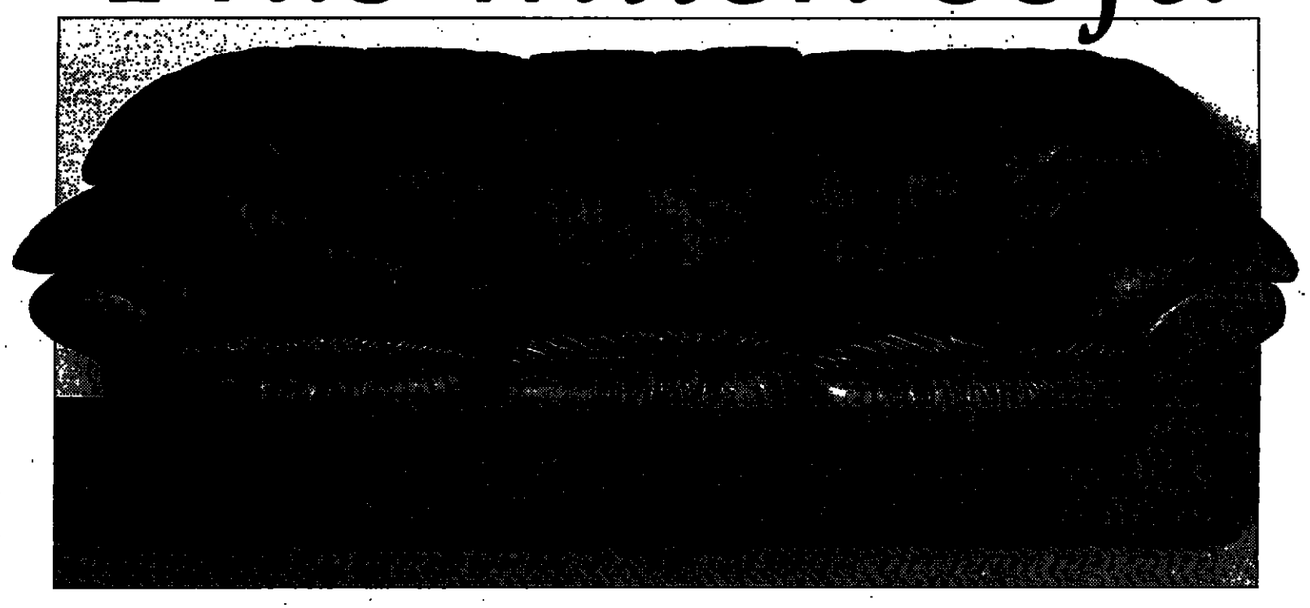
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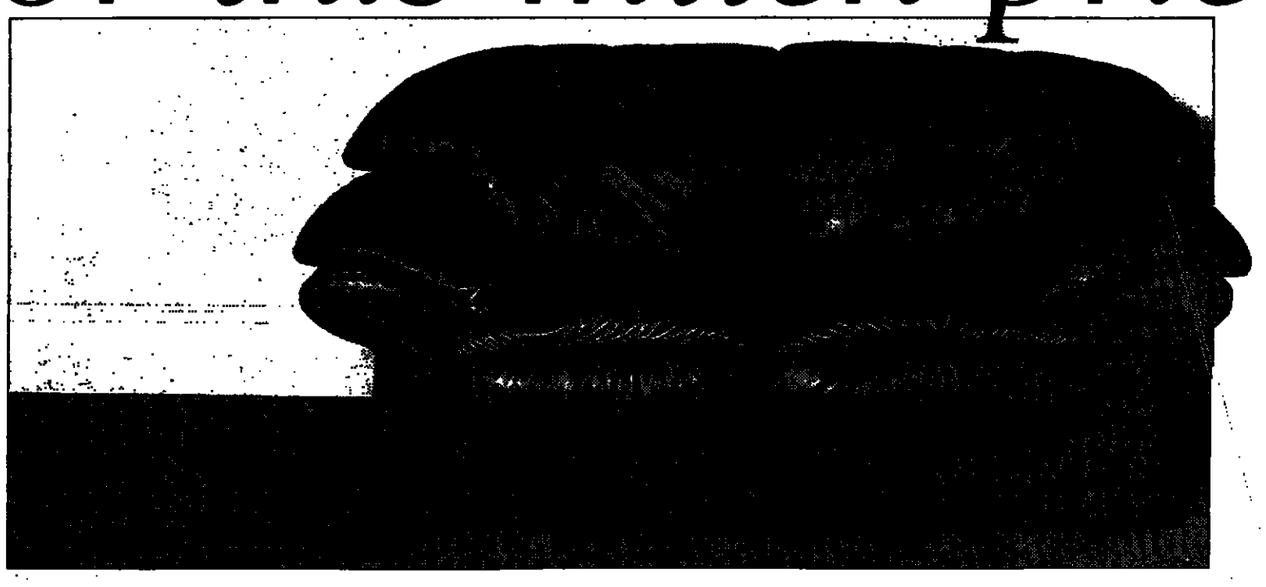
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Uffizi blast damage will close gallery for months

BY JOHN PHILLIPS
IN FLORENCE
AND HARVEY ELLIOTT
TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

■ Paintings have been destroyed and statues damaged in the treasure house of Renaissance art. The explosion will also deter foreign visitors

THE damage to the Uffizi gallery caused by the car-bomb explosion yesterday was the worst since the 1966 floods when the river Arno broke its banks.

The blast that killed at least five people and injured 30 others happened at 1:05 am as crowds of tourists and Florentines strolled in the warren of medieval streets around the 16th-century museum in balmy weather.

Firemen initially said that they suspected a gas leak caused the explosion in the historic tower housing the cultural association. But Elvino Pastorelli, director-general of the Civil Protection Service, said: "It is clear it is an attack and not gas." Sandro Federico, head of the Criminalpol department for Tuscany, said "at least 220 pounds of explosive" was packed into a stolen Fiat Fiorino van.

A crater three yards wide and two yards deep was visible at the scene and Signor Pastorelli said the engine of the Fiorino was flung 30 yards in the blast. "A crater has been found" said Piero Luigi Vigna, a magistrate investigating Mafia activities in Tuscany. "This directs us to the hypothesis of explosive. More than Mafia I would talk of a terrorising strategy, even if the Mafia used the same strategy for the murders of (anti-Mafia magistrates) Falcone and Borsellino."

Alberto Ronchey, the minister for cultural heritage, said restoration of damage to the museum would cost at least 30 billion lire (£13 million). Anna Maria Petrioli Tofani, the director of the Uffizi, said three paintings were destroyed — two by by Bartolommeo Manfredi, famed for his imitations of Caravaggio and one by Gherardo Delle Notti. The Manfredi works were *Scenes of Life* and *Bona Ventura*. The Notti work was *The Nativity of Christ*. Thirty other paintings were also damaged. Arms and legs of statues had been cut by flying glass.

The most important paintings in the museum, including works by Michelangelo and Botticelli, were saved by protective shields installed to guard against vandals. The gallery director said the museum would be closed for "weeks or months"

Nicola Mancino, the interior minister, had issued a warning recently that Mafia bombs were to be expected after a car bomb apparently aimed at a popular television presenter, Maurizio Costanzo, blew up a block of flats in the Parioli district of Rome on May 14.

Museum attendants began work in the early hours yesterday to remove works of art from top floor galleries to prevent damage by rain. Several attendants were in tears as they accompanied Signor Ronchey on a tour to inspect the damage. Last night Italian tourist officials were bracing themselves for a drop in the number of foreign visitors, especially Americans, in the wake of the Florence bomb.

The outrage hit at the heart of Europe's tourist industry and although tourists were being advised to continue with their plans, it is feared that thousands could be put off.

An estimated 250,000 Americans a year visit the old city. Germans and Japanese are not far behind and more than 100,000 Britons visit the city each year, many on long weekend breaks.

British tourists, in general, are much less worried by terrorist attacks. Egyptian tourism officials, for example, have seen a sharp decline in visits by almost every nationality since Muslim fanatics stepped up their bombing campaign, but the number of British visiting the country has risen sharply.

Michael Holmes, the British consul in Florence, said: "At this stage I would certainly not suggest that Florence was unsafe," he said. "There has, after all been just one bomb."

Mafia link feared, page 1



Renaissance ruin: firemen stand amid a rubble of broken glass in front of the Pulci Tower after the car bomb exploded outside the Uffizi Gallery, causing billions of lire in damage to one of the world's greatest museums

Finest gallery of Renaissance art

BY RICHARD CORK, CHIEF ART CRITIC

ANYONE who has visited the Uffizi Gallery will be dismayed to hear of the bomb blast. Many of the finest paintings produced during the Italian Renaissance period are housed here, including several of the most celebrated images to be found anywhere in the world.

Major pictures by the founding fathers of the Renaissance, Cimabue and Giotto, are quickly followed by choice paintings by Sienese masters like Ambrogio, Lorenzetti and Simone Martini. A lovely early *Annunciation* by Leonardo da Vinci, and two stern Piero della Francesca portraits of the Duke and Duchess of Urbino are among the highlights of the 15th century collection.

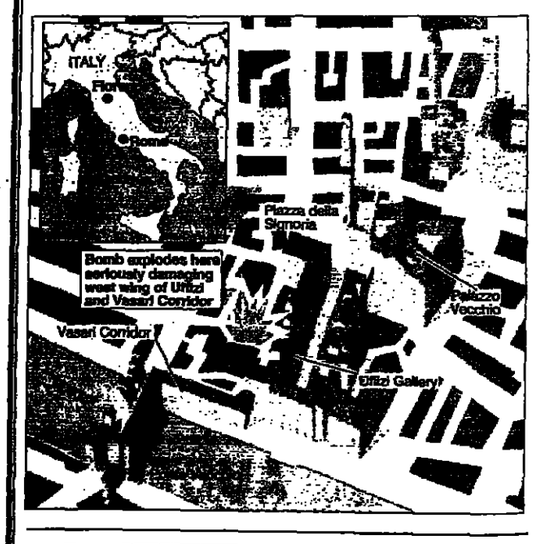
But the most popular quatrocento pictures are undoubtedly the great Botticelli's, among them *Primavera* and *The Birth of Venus*. If any of these paintings had suffered, the loss to European art would be incalculable.

The Holy Family by Michelangelo, a rare and consummate example of his work as an easel painter, would have been an equally grave loss. And the Uffizi also owns one of the most outstanding of all early Flemish paintings: the monumental, yet tender, *Portinari* altar piece by Hugo van der Goes.

We must feel relieved that none of these outstanding images has been affected. But the apparent ease with which the bombers carried out their assault, in the heart of this irreplaceable Renaissance city, must arouse widespread fears about their safety.

Security will clearly have to be reviewed, for the fact remains that the Uffizi's building has suffered serious structural damage. The most famous picture gallery in Italy, if not the world, it was commissioned from the celebrated painter, architect and pioneer biographer Giorgio Vasari. The Medici family, who gave Vasari the task, intended it to be used as administrative and judicial offices — hence the name.

Started in 1560 and finished 20 years later, it overlooks the river Arno and runs from there to the Palazzo Vecchio at the historic centre of the city. Only later did the building become an art gallery, when the Medici family decided to give their unparalleled collection of Renaissance art to the city.



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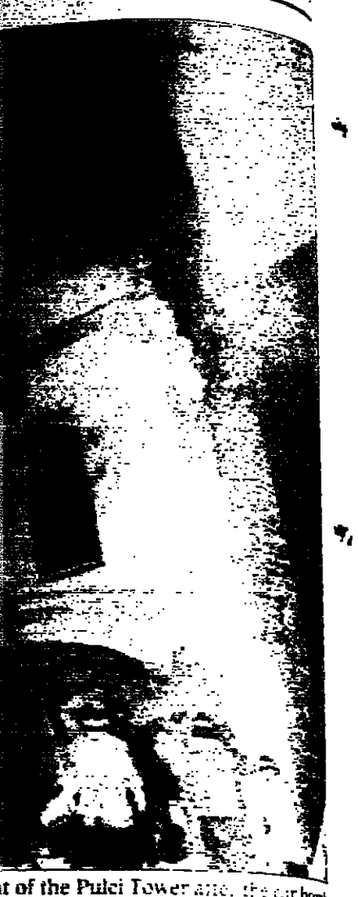
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Bonn asylum law brings down new Iron Curtain

■ *Germany's new asylum rules are by no means foolproof and are no substitute for a sensible immigration policy,* ***Roger Boyes*** *writes from Bonn*

GERMANY'S *decision to* curb the right to political *asylum represents a big step* in a process that might be called the closing of Europe. The gates are clanging shut throughout the continent and a more subtle variant of the old Iron Curtain will soon fall into place on the eastern and southern fringes of Central Europe.

The vote to tighten the German asylum rules was carried easily by 521 to 132 *votes in the Bundestag, the* lower house of parliament, *late on* Wednesday. The upper house, the Bundesrat, is *expected to see the legislation* through today, and by *July the first asylum-seekers* arriving at Frankfurt airport *could be legally turned away.*

Germany's new principle is *that refugees who enter via* "safe" third countries (*European Community* states, Switzerland, Austria and *Central Europe) can be rejected* at the border, on the *ground* that they should have sought asylum at their first *port of call.*

On the face of it, this seems a reasonable and even overdue precaution: 440,000 asylum applications were lodged in Germany last year, and a huge backlog from earlier years is straining an economy in recession and a society already under stress from *unification.* But the way that the new rules are to be implemented suggests that they are part of a broader trend towards a Fortress Europe.

Interior ministry officials throughout the Community have agreed to new measures that will allow them to check and expel illegal workers. That could include foreign students moonlighting as waiters and those who marry European Community residents as a way of entering the labour market. In France, police have already held raids on illegal migrants.

However, the German asylum rules are not foolproof, *nor* are they a substitute for a sensible immigration policy. *Germany will remain a magnet* for the economically deprived *in the* Balkans and these migrants will certainly find ways of slipping into the country.

Germany houses two-thirds of Europe's asylum-seeking population. Soon that proportion may drop, but instead Germany could be host to the largest illegal immigrant community in Europe. The new law means a fundamental shift in social attitudes: foreigners are not merely uncomfortable and costly guests, they are a police problem.

A sign of things to come is that Rudolf Seiters, the German interior minister, is a more common visitor to Central Europe than the foreign minister. The domestic problem of restraining immigration has quietly become a central pillar of Bonn's new *Ostpolitik.* Yet there is a degree of subterfuge in this policy.

A "safe state" is considered to be any country that has signed the Geneva convention on refugees. All of Germany's neighbours have signed this accord, and so Bonn feels entitled to pass the buck on to them. But few of the Central Europeans are in a financial condition to take on a big immigration burden. Poland's refugee office, for example, employs only 36 people.

To some degree, Bonn can solve this with money — it is giving £50 million to Warsaw to improve Polish frontier controls — but it remains a flimsy solution. Walther Koisser, head of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Bonn, believes that there will now be a chain reaction to the refugee problem. Germany will send asylum-seekers back to the Czech Republic or Poland, and they will then be expelled yet again, back to the Balkans or Russia — all without any real test of whether they have a genuine case for receiving political asylum.

This is not specially a German problem; it runs down the middle of Europe. Estonia, for example, is receiving many Kurdish and Iraqi refugees who want to make their way to Finland and Sweden. The Scandinavians are encouraging the Estonians to stop these refugees at the Russian-Estonian border — Moscow, after all, has signed the Geneva convention and is therefore viewed as a "safe state".

That does nothing to solve the refugee problem. It merely creates an iron prosperity frontier that protects the West from unwanted immigrants and imposes financial and social burdens on the East.

Moreover, it is actually undermining democractic reform. When Germans deported thousands of illegal gypsy migrants to Romania — Bucharest accepted them in return for £10 million of "resettlement grants" — many of the returned gypsies were promptly put in jail. And since the Germans are insisting that East European governments must crack down on refugee smuggling gangs, a great deal of aid from Bonn is being channelled towards police forces in the post-communist East.

There need be nothing sinister in this development but there does seem to be a confusion of priorities. Above all, Western politicians are dodging serious moral and political questions about asylum: what is the Western responsibility to the East? How deeply are civil rights being violated in the post-communist world? What is the meaning of political asylum now that communist rule has crumbled?

The other day, a refugee from Foca in central Bosnia was refused asylum in Germany because she could not prove that she had been persecuted by a state. The men who had forced her to leave home were Serb guerrillas bent on "ethnic cleansing", rather than state functionaries.

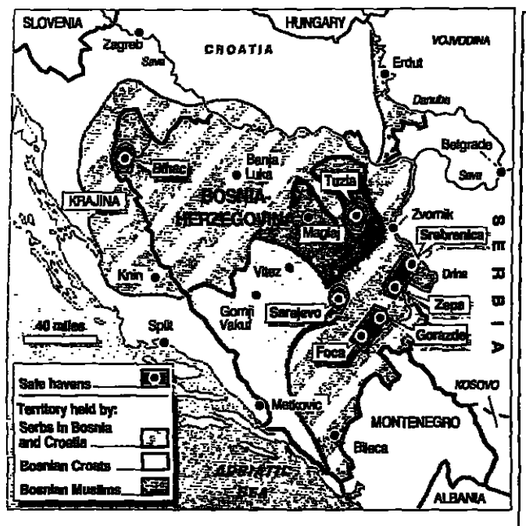
Soon she will have to return to her non-home, or go underground in Germany, the victim of the kind of bureaucratic barriers that are springing up all over the new Europe.

□ Spending cuts: The Bonn government said yesterday that Germany is in its worst economic crisis since the second world war, and revealed plans to cut spending on everything from social benefits to shipyard subsidies. Theo Waigel, the finance minister, said in the Bundestag yesterday that the government has decided to place a moratorium on new federal spending in 1994.

Herr Waigel said the government also wants to cut next year's budget by 20 billion marks (£8 billion). No federal programmes would escape the cuts, and even the government's move to Berlin may have to be delayed, he said. *Bild* said that the move will now have to wait until the next century.



Lost cause: Bonn demonstrators proclaiming "Germany closes down, politicians become murderers"



Islamic states offer to protect Muslim areas

■ The Serbs are bombarding Maglaj in an attempt to expand a corridor across Bosnia. UN forces want the Muslim town added to the list of safe havens

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

SERB shells rained on the north Bosnian town of Maglaj yesterday as United Nations peacekeepers called for the town to be declared a "safe haven" along with five Muslim enclaves in the former Yugoslav republic.

Maglaj was being shelled "an average of 50 times a day by the Serbs", Shannon Boyd, of the UN protection force, said in Zagreb. If the UN Security Council declared the town a safe haven, it would join the other five enclaves of Sarajevo, Bihac, Tuzla, Gorazde and Foca, and Zepa and Srebrenica.

The Serb forces pounding Maglaj are trying to expand a *corridor across Bosnia, link*ing Serbia in the east with Serb-held areas of Croatia in the west. Bosnian Serb forces have, however, accused Muslims in Maglaj of launching *an offensive to capture a road* linking the town with the *Muslim stronghold of Tuzla,* in the northeast.

As Croats and Muslims united against the Serb assault *in Maglaj,* their forces were reported to be fighting one another in Mostar yesterday. Shelter, water and sanitation were in desperately short supply in Srebrenica, a prototype of the safe havens proposed in the new peace plan, UN officials said.

It also emerged yesterday that Islamic states are considering joining UN peacekeepers in Bosnia, with Pakistan ready to offer a few thousand troops to protect Muslim civilians. UN sources in New York said. Other countries mentioned as potential contributors of troops are Bangladesh, Malaysia, Tunisia, Morocco and Indonesia.

Any new troops would be formally asked to join the protection force if the security council adopts a French-drafted resolution asking for wide authority for peacekeepers to use force, backed by air power, to defend safe havens for Muslims.

In Sarajevo, two 25-year-old lovers shot dead in a no man's land while trying to escape to Serbia last week were buried in the same grave on a barren hilltop in a Serb military cemetery to the sound of gunfire from the Bosnian capital. The bodies of Bosko Brckic and Admira Ismic — he a Serb, she a Muslim — lay in a wasteland for nearly a week while Serbs and Muslims bickered over who had the right to retrieve them.

Brckic's mother, Radmila, threw a handful of dirt onto the coffins and said: "My dear children. Your destiny is to live together under the earth. You were my son and my daughter. Rest in peace." Bosko's mother, aunt and two friends were the only mourners.

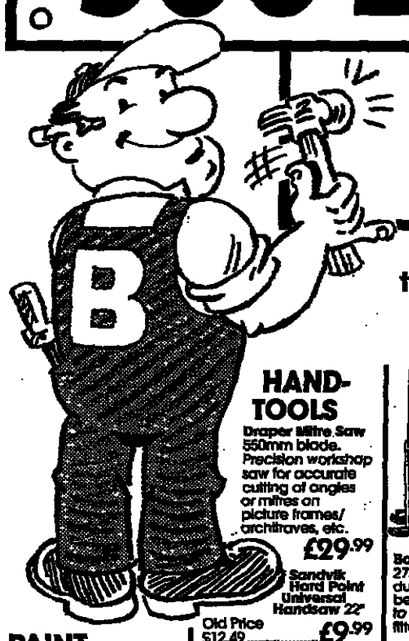
Serb, Croat and Muslim military leaders are due to meet at Sarajevo airport today in an attempts to demilitarise the city.

NATO is expected to take command of a naval force mounting a blockade of former Yugoslavia in the Adriatic, resolving a row with the Western European Union (WEU) over who should be in charge, Nato and WEU officials said in Brussels yesterday.

Willem van Eekelen, the WEU secretary-general, said the dispute had been solved and that he expected a meeting of Nato ambassadors to approve the deal. "We will have a joint force under Nato's military command, but that command will report to the political authorities of both the WEU and the alliance."

Hans van den Broek, the European Community's official in charge of foreign policy called for a summit of Community leaders to discuss Bosnia.

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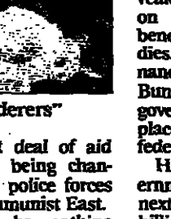
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China's trading status renewed

BY WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton renewed China's most-favoured nation status without conditions yesterday, but only for one more year. He gave notice that Peking would have to improve its human rights record in order to retain trade privileges.

Mr Clinton's decision amounts to a compromise between the view of American diplomats that sanctions, at best, amount to an imperfect means to bring about the end of China's human rights abuses, and the position of senior legislators in Congress, who expressed outrage at Peking's abuses. They had drafted a tough bill calling on Mr Clinton to attach strict conditions to China's trading status.

☐ **Hong Kong:** Peking yesterday agreed to renewed discussions on the construction of Hong Kong's new airport. The first meeting to discuss the airport, whose estimated costs have risen from £8 billion to £14 billion, will be held next Friday.

Zhou Nan, China's senior official in the colony, said Peking would take a "positive attitude" towards the negotiations.

Clinton woos rebel Democrats with plan to curb spending

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

■ Party leaders have implored wayward Democrats to back Bill Clinton's plan to cut the deficit. A House victory is unlikely to mark the end of the president's troubles

AFTER three days of frantic arm-twisting, deal-making and ego-massaging by President Clinton and all his top officials, the House of Representatives was preparing for a momentous vote last night on his $350 billion (£227 billion) package of record tax increases and deepish spending cuts. At stake was the political credibility of both Mr Clinton and the Democratic party.

At 1.00am yesterday the votes of about eight conservative Democrats were secured with a deal to restrain future spending on social and welfare programmes. Lloyd Bentsen, the Treasury Secretary, was believed to have won over a few more by promising certain rebates to offset the new energy tax. With not one Republican expected to support the president's plan to cut the deficit and restore the economy, Mr Clinton required the votes of 218 of the 257 House Democrats. The outcome looked dangerously close but as the debate began Tom Foley, the House speaker, predicted victory.

Party leaders were imploring members to support the tax-heavy plan if only because its defeat would deal a devastating blow to Mr Clinton's authority and destroy the Democrats' credibility as a governing party. "The whole presidency is on the line," said Charles Rangel, a senior New York Democrat.

A victory last night would set Mr Clinton up for another of his famous comebacks, but it would not be the end of his troubles. The economic plan, particularly its energy tax, faces even stiffer resistance in the Senate where party discipline is even weaker.

In a two-hour live television broadcast from the White House gardens yesterday Mr Clinton admitted he had done a "lousy" communications job and failed to keep the public focus on the important issues. He called his Hollywood hairdo a "boner" and a "mess-up", protesting that he would not knowingly close two runways at Los Angeles airport for a haircut. He insisted the sacking of the White House travel office stemmed from a desire to save money and was not an "act of cronyism".

Mr Clinton is reportedly on the verge of a staff shake-up that will put an experienced political troubleshooter at the heart of the White House operation. John Sasso, Harold Ickes and Tony Coelho are the likely contenders.

Mr Clinton yesterday indicated that he would accept the "don't ask, don't tell" compromise on gays in the military under which recruits would not be asked their sexual orientation provided they did not flaunt their homosexuality.

The White House acted to reverse mounting opposition to Lani Guinier, Mr Clinton's nominee for assistant attorney general who has been accused of supporting extreme measures to enhance the political representation of minorities. In a letter to all 100 senators the White House warned of "big lies" being told about her.

In a widely reported interview with David Frost, Ross Perot, the Texan tycoon who won 19 million votes last November, said he would not employ Mr Clinton in the private-sector "anywhere above middle-management"; he had neither "the background nor the experience for the most difficult job in the world".



Words of comfort: a relation of one of the defendants cries and holds the Koran after hearing the verdict

Egyptian militants sentenced to death

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

THE struggle by Arab regimes against Islamic extremism intensified yesterday when Egypt sentenced six Muslim militants to death, a day after an Algerian court condemned 38 to die for bombing the international airport.

The sentences by an Egyptian military court for the attempted assassination of the information minister and attacks on tourist targets, including the Pyramids, brought to 23 the number of militants sentenced to death here since December.

Yesterday's sentences were a snub to Western opinion, even though Egypt is the second-largest recipient after Israel of American aid. They were handed down despite the publication of an Amnesty International report on Wednesday, which criticised the "downward spiral" of human rights in Egypt.

The vulnerability of President Mubarak's regime was again illustrated hours before the verdict, when three policemen and two civilians were wounded in an Islamic bomb attack on a police checkpoint in a Cairo suburb. One policeman lost his leg. Last Friday, seven people were killed when a car bomb exploded in the city centre. It was the worst attack since the campaign to overthrow the government erupted a year ago.

The spread of fundamentalism throughout North Africa was underlined further on Monday in Tunisia, where a court gave long sentences to 46 militants accused of founding an anti-government group, "The Commandos of Sacrifice".

Many moderate Muslims in Egypt and Algeria are fearful that if the new string of executions are carried out, they will create instant martyrs, which could provoke a wave of tit-for-tat violence.

US navy court gives life sentence for killing of gay sailor

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

A US navy court martial yesterday found an American sailor guilty of killing a homosexual shipmate while both were on tour of duty in Japan, and jailed him for life.

The eight-member military jury of naval officers at the Yokosuka US base, west of Tokyo, reached a verdict after three hours in a case cited by American homosexual rights groups as evidence of anti-gay feelings in the US navy.

Airman Apprentice Terry Helvey was found guilty of "murder with intent to inflict great bodily harm" after he beat Seaman Allen Schindler to death in October last year. The two men were mates on the US ship *Belleau Wood*, based in Sasebo, near Nagasaki, in the southern Japanese island of Kyushu.

Soon after Schindler told the ship's captain in September that he was gay and while he was waiting for his obligatory dismissal, word apparently spread through the crew of his sexual orientation. After a party before the ship's departure on a three-week cruise, Schindler was beaten to death in a park in Sasebo. Helvey denied in court that he had killed Schindler because he was a homosexual.

The prosecutor, Captain Stephen Marchioro, told the jury yesterday that "it was nothing other than an extremely violent, brutal, senseless murder". Major Bernard Doyle, for the accused, told the jury that Helvey's action could only be explained by his past history as an abused child and by his consumption of alcohol and use of steroids at the time.

The sentence comes days after news that another US marine was arrested last month, charged with the murder of a Japanese civilian in Okinawa, the southernmost island of the Japanese archipelago. Japanese police said yesterday that Christopher Glidden, 18, was arrested by US military authorities hours after the fatal beating of Seiyu Yokota on April 11.

Yokota, 33, a carpenter, had been out drinking with Mr Glidden in Kin, a town on a small island facing one of the Okinawa US marine bases. His body was found in an alley near a bar, apparently battered to death with a concrete block and a potted plant.

According to local police, Mr Glidden told investigators that Yokota had put his arm around him and had made sexual advances, but local sources have suggested that what in Japan might be merely a friendly gesture may have been misinterpreted by the American. Yokota was not known to be openly gay.

The killing has inflamed US-Japanese tensions in Kin, a community of about 10,000, where four local people have reportedly been killed by Americans in the past 20 years. The mayor and more than 1,000 residents staged a protest rally last month, questioning the need for 40,000 personnel at the Okinawa base.

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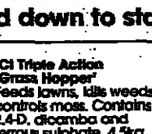
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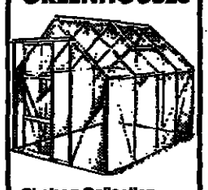
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'Men's egos are very fragile and God gave woman to man to bolster him'



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DENZIL McNEELANCE



"The tension in my life is between the children and the girlfriend — as ideas, but not in practice." So says the author of *A Married Man*

That sad, winsome, boyish look that Piers Paul Read still wears at the age of 52 suggests that however pleasant his life appears, with his nice house, his beautiful wife, his four agreeable children and his unassuming fame, he is also beset by anxiety and care. But then, "The greatest enemy of art is, alas, happiness," wrote his father, Sir Herbert Read, the unsurpassed authority on English prose style.

When a novelist turns to the challenge of reality he opens up cans of worms. Read — "Jay" or "Jiminy" to his friends — does not venture into easy territory. He managed to produce in *Alive*, the story of the Andes plane crash survivors, a classic whose renown may well outlast that of his novels. Now he has taken on the vast and "unmanageable" contemporary saga of the Chernobyl disaster. It is called *Ablaze* — and if that seems an opportunistic echo of *Alive*, he says why not be opportunistic, when it's so hard to sell books?

Eleven novels, finely crafted, often glowingly received, have never made him a commercial killing. The *Alive* money paid off his mortgage, but was dwindling, until the paperback's recent return to the bestsellers on the back of the film. (On the book he gets a 25 per cent royalty, the remaining 75 per cent split among the 16 Andes survivors. He has a 3 per cent cut of the admirable film, but it will have to make another $59 million before he gets a share.)

The survivors chose Read to write their story because he was Catholic, English, young — he was 31 — and male. Their machismo would never have allowed them to talk to a *woman*. "They didn't want to talk to a priest, or a psychiatrist, or their parents. And I was the beneficiary." They have remained friends, despite their initial hostility when they discovered he had not produced the sentimental hagiography they hoped for. His next venture into reportage with *The Great Train Robbers* was much more bruising: the gang hoodwinked him with a preposterous yarn about a renegade SS man being behind the robbery. "About 95 per cent of what they told me was untrue. It was a catastrophe in publishing terms."

"But I think non-fiction is good for novelists. So it was rather wonderful to find myself in a suburb of Kiev finding out about lives I would never otherwise have known about."

He takes a pious, even monastic, approach to work, writing in contemplative solitude in an office a walk away from his house. If the *Daily Mail* asks for an instant "why-oh-why" piece, he does it — the money is consolingly good — but he is not comfortable as a strident pontificator. "They don't want anything measured or considered."

At 30 he wrote for the *Evening Standard* a resumé of his life declaring that he would never betray his socialist principles by becoming a tax exile or sending his children to fee-paying schools ... and then his eldest son begged to be sent to Ampleforth. "But most of my children have gone to state schools most of the time," he says. Ah, but the school he fought fiercely for was no average comprehensive but Cardinal Vaughan, the academic Roman Catholic school finally saved from closure by opting out. "Now it's easier to get into Eton, it's so oversubscribed."

At 50 he wrote another *apologia pro vita sua* about having turned Thatcherite ("because not all the best things in life are free"). He has measured out his life in such public essays — why he left London to live in Yorkshire, then about returning to London (because people in the country are so boring) and losing friends in the process, he says, each time. Such are the perils of the exposed metropolitan novelist.

His 1986 polemic entitled "Sex and Sin" for the *Spectator*, established him as a voice of anti-feminism. "The only reason Emily puts up with my views" — he met Emily Boothby when she was 16, married her at 18, and she gave birth to their first son while taking her English degree — "is that I don't mind doing the washing up and I was never squeamish about changing nappies. I am not a pasha. But my anti-feminist feelings are partly to do with Catholicism — with Pope Pius XI's encyclical that the woman's primary duty is as a mother and a wife, that feminism is a false ideology that we must guard against — and partly about the breakup of the family and the suffering of the children."

Arguments about even wives and mothers being allowed to exercise their talents are heard politely — his sympathetic listening demeanour never falters — and dismissed: "It's not about what women are allowed or not allowed to do. I think history has denigrated motherhood, and I think men's egos are very fragile, and God gave woman to man to bolster his ego, and her preoccupation should not be elsewhere, on her career and office politics." So it is frail men's need for women's greater strengths that he extols. His own mother ran off with his father while she was a music student, and a recent Catholic convert. She went on putting on opera productions and music festivals in Yorkshire, but Sir Herbert was a Victorian father figure whose needs came first.

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Read's fogeyish views (his wife says 50 is his natural age) are much in vogue, reflecting the contemporary hunger for high moral certitude. But anyone who advises against infidelity as he does must be asked the brazen question. His answer is that it is unfair on one's wife and on one's priest to use a newspaper as a confessional. He has been married for 25 years. He is not beyond temptation of any sort. He thinks women are "absolutely wonderful" and since the human heart is by nature inconstant, infidelity is a favourite theme in plays and operas and indeed in novels (see his *A Married Man*.)

"I think one does come down hardest on the sins one is most likely to commit. I would certainly say the tension in my life is between the children and the girlfriend — as ideas, but not in practice." So whatever happened to his promised book on marriage? It rests, unpublished, in a drawer. His American publisher told him it was so politically incorrect it would ruin his reputation. "It was a botchpotch, a mixture of Anna Ford's book on men and a bigoted biblical anti-feminist polemic."

And so to Chernobyl, on which he embarked as a scientific innocent, doing a crash course in rads and roentgens and bequerels, and the relative radioactivity of iodine 131, caesium 137 and strontium 90.

With his interpreter, Natasha Segal, who overcame the Russians' suspicions of him, he uncovered the story for his massive account: from the slapdash, improvised haste in which the reactors were built with crucial design faults, to the grotesque suffering with unquantifiably bleak future consequences of the explosion. It is a black indictment of Soviet indifference to the moral consequences of its technological proficiency.

"But it is also a human adventure story, following characters like Valeri Legasov, an ambitious young scientist whose life collapses after Chernobyl, when colleagues desert him and who finally hangs himself. It is a parable of the downfall of communism, with the nuclear reactor as a Tower of Babel, of man's vanity in thinking that science can achieve everything, with no regard for man's fallibility, for original sin."

Auberon Waugh, his old friend, has given his new book a pasting.

"Bron accuses me of just buying the Soviet line. But it is the Western scientists who have concluded that health in the contaminated and uncontaminated zones is equally bad." While the evidence of radiation ailments, from open sores and stomach disorders to premature ageing, is painfully plain, there is also the radiophobia factor — the tendency to ascribe every ailment from eczema to the common cold to radiation.

Even a future increase in cancers will be hard to detect epidemiologically when the background conditions for cancer are so high anyway: the stress of being evacuated to horrible Minsk, staying indoors quaffing quantities of vodka as an antidote to both radiation and despair, chain-smoking and undernourishment are all just as injurious to health as the real threat from Chernobyl.

The toothless peasants who have returned to Chernobyl seemed to him happier than the evacuees. "We have known nothing but war and famine all our lives," one said, fatalistically shrugging off another chapter in the Ukraine's unhappy history.

Are shrinks worse than hacks?

The secrets of the couch are being spilled in a Californian court

Today a San Francisco jury is expected to start deliberations in a libel trial that has placed both Freudian psychoanalysis and journalistic ethics in the dock, leaving America's chattering classes hoarse.

Jeffrey Masson, a Freudian psychoanalyst, contends that Janet Malcom, a prominent journalist, libelled him by making up quotations in a highly unflattering profile in *The New Yorker* in 1983. Mr Masson is demanding $10 million in damages on the ground that Ms Malcolm's 48,000-word piece ruined his reputation by painting him as a shallow, philandering narcissist. The article, "a lie from start to finish", he says, has prevented him from getting proper jobs, but the case revolves around five short passages, which Mr Masson says were fabricated or substantially changed, and which Ms Malcolm insists were accurate.

Billed as the libel trial of the century, the case has held America's intellectual community enthralled by an epic tussle, complete with sex, lies and tape recordings, between the extrovert psychoanalyst and a celebrated writer from the country's most eminent literary magazine.

In one of the disputed quotations Mr Masson is reported as saying that he had hoped to turn the Freud family home in Maresfield Gardens, Hampstead, into a place of "sex, women, fun"; in another he is quoted as saying that the ruling elders of the Freud Archive considered him to be "like an intellectual gigolo."

> Almost a thousand women had slept with him, he told the writer

Only one of the five key passages appears in the 40 hours of tapes made by Ms Malcolm over the seven months she worked on the piece; three others appear in notes. Some of her original notes are said to have been lost, and another is, she says, "indelibly" in her memory.

The trials of Mr Masson, a Sanskrit scholar with a Harvard Ph.D and a history of womanising, started long before the disputed article. After a swift rise to fame in psychoanalytic circles, he was sacked from the Freud Archives in 1981 after taking issue with some of Freud's key tenets. He sued for wrongful dismissal and accepted a $150,000 settlement. This fracas among the Freudians caught the writer's attention.

Ms Malcolm has said that in line with common journalistic methods she "tidied up" and clarified Mr Masson's words, but she has also admitted combining or "compressing" remarks made at different times and places to create a consistent, coherent monologue. That admission has embarrassed *The New Yorker*, which has long prided itself on high standards but is no stranger to such disputes. In 1984 Alastair Reid, a writer, admitted inventing not just conversations, but events and even people in his writing for the magazine on the ground that he was portraying "a truth that is harder to get at than the truth yielded by fact".

Ms Malcolm has insisted that her alterations left the gist of Mr Masson's conversation intact. According to a 1991 *Supreme Court* ruling in the case, fabricated quotations are libellous only if they materially alter the speaker's meaning.

In the decade-long dispute, neither of the two main actors has done much to improve their reputations. Even if Mr Masson did not say the words, enough evidence has emerged to paint him as an egomaniac of heroic proportions, and Ms Malcolm, even if she escapes libel damages, has emerged as a cynical practitioner of a trade theoretically dedicated to the unvarnished truth.

In another article she wrote that journalism was a form of confidence trickery where false intimacy may be used to extract secrets "without remorse". In 1989 she wrote: "Every journalist who is not too stupid or too full of himself ... knows that what he does is morally indefensible."

The trial is ultimately over two different sorts of truth: the academic variety, theoretically espoused by Mr Masson, based on empirical, demonstrable fact; and a more journalistic and artistic sort, where literary licence may used to leaven a book-length article so long as it remains true to the spirit of an interview. Mr Masson maintains that the journalist used false quotation marks to make him seem vain and sex-obsessed; Ms Malcolm says the words quoted were the words said, if not in that order and at the time described. One of them is lying.

The jury's verdict will do more than vindicate one side or the other in the long-running "he said, she said" argument; it may well help to redefine ground rules, traditionally nebulous, for American journalistic ethics.

But the case has also placed the profession of psychoanalysis under renewed scrutiny. That other great trial of the moment, Mia Farrow versus Woody Allen, with its ranks of competing shrinks, has done nothing to improve the profession's public standing and neither has Mr Masson's sexual proclivities. One thing he *did* tell Ms Malcolm was that he had slept with almost 1,000 women, and he once claimed he could work out a woman's psychological problems by taking her to bed.

During the trial Mr Masson has not talked to journalists, on the advice of Catharine McKinnon, his lawyer as well as his fiancée. Ms Malcolm also avoids the press, saying, "I am a writer not a celebrity".

By contrast, in taped interviews played to the court and under cross-examination, Mr Masson has seemed, depending on your viewpoint, either a brilliant, extrovert intellectual explorer or, in the words of the defence, a figure of "ribald braggadocio".

Now a jury will have to decide whether the controversial remarks attributed by Ms Malcolm to Mr Masson were the result of "accidental" verbal overdrive on his part, or malicious journalism on hers.

BEN MACINTYRE

The secrets of the voice coach to Lady Diana

Learning to talk like a princess

Not all Peter Settelen's students are royal. I was a part-time steward at the Barbican, selling programmes and ice-creams, when I asked him to help me.

I had applied to the top drama schools after being turned down for a jazz singing course, and had begun to panic. I had done some acting at university and had tap-danced in a pig costume outside a children's outfitters in the King's Road on Saturday afternoons. But was that enough?

My mother said "prepare to be disappointed". One friend, every inch a worthy successor to Dame Edith Evans, described her experience: "I did all those auditions. My dear, I thought I would *diiiie* from the humiliation." Oh dear.

The next morning I checked *Yellow Pages* under "Speech and Drama teachers", and made a call. "Peter Settelen," said the man who answered.

His house in Chiswick has a lovely atmosphere. There was a cat asleep on one of the chairs in the sitting room which made me feel instantly at home. Settelen is slightly built but has the command and presence of an ox. When he greeted me, his voice was far from a raucous northern twang as some have suggested this week, but reminiscent of classical actors I had heard on the radio.

The first session was spent with me on one side of the room sitting on the sofa and him sitting in a chair on the other. We went over my whole life. I talked about things I hadn't thought about for years, let alone discussed. I just seemed to talk and talk and talk. He said: "If you don't know the truth about events in your own life, it is hard to act any other truth convincingly."



Speak easy: Princess of Wales

When we had finished talking, he sat me on a hard-backed wooden chair and began to help me to relax. He pinpointed the tension points, especially in my shoulders, my back and arms. He put on music and I had to dangle my hands over the arms of the chair and just let the sound wash over me. I still have the tape, which he gave me to work with at home. We agreed to meet again and I was to bring some audition pieces.

The second session began with more talk. Then we worked on specific skills such as enunciation and breathing. He got me to read fables and make them absolutely thrilling to listen to — just by using expression and controlling my breath. Finally I sightread a speech from Chekhov's *Uncle Vanya*. There was quite a long pause, and then he said: "If I had a project going now, I would hire you."

We had one more session together. I left him after it feeling a million dollars. I was walking taller and I remembered all the things he had said to me. He asked me what was my ultimate dream and I felt confident enough to tell him: "To sing at the Hollywood Bowl". I laughed as I said it, but he said: "Well, one day you will". He told me other good things — whether they were true or not, to someone with low self-esteem like me, it was like hearing that you have won the pools.

One of his best bits of advice is that in tricky or stressful situations, you must look at people — in my case, at the audition panel, in the Princess of Wales's case, perhaps, an audience of thousands of distinguished people — and see them as children. So I started showing six-year-old (grey-haired) "boys" and "girls" to their seats at the Barbican concert hall where I worked in the evenings. Somehow, this made life seem less daunting.

My story ends happily. In October, I am going to one of the great drama schools, which takes only four women a year (and eight men). People like Settelen should be recognised every once in a while.

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The king reclaims his country

The concubines are waiting for the crown prince of Buganda. So are the sprawling palace, the parliament buildings and the huge estates throughout his future kingdom. Sam Kiley in Kampala reports

SAM KILEY



Heir attendant: crown prince Mutebi is honoured by a special dance. Soon his entourage will have all the trappings of royalty, rather than a rusty van to travel in

A mile from where his great grandfather burnt at least 33 Christians on a gigantic pyre, thereby creating Central Africa's first saints, the future King of the Buganda, Ssabataka Ronald Muwenda Mutebi, sat impassively as scores of teenage Ugandan beauties sang in his honour while swinging their hips and jiggling their impressive breasts.

The very model of a modern African king, Mutebi II (as he will be on July 24) showed not a glimmer of his genetic heritage at the sight of such nubility and great-grandfather Mwanga II would not have been impressed. At his peak he maintained a stable of some 200 concubines and fed them so richly on plantains and sweetmeats that they grew too fat to walk. When the concubines outweighed their purpose, it is said that Mwanga would often feed them to the crocodiles of the Nyanza (Lake Victoria).



Waiting: Ronald Mutebi

But the Ssabataka (crown prince) can be forgiven for showing little emotion at a sight that would have stirred the heart of a lesser man. There are no shortage of suitors to be his wife. He is the most eligible bachelor in Uganda, as he will soon take control of 350 acres of the capital, Kampala, as well as a sprawling palace, neo-Georgian parliament buildings, and massive estates throughout his kingdom.

In addition he is rather British. His father, Kabaka Sir Edward Mutesa II (King Freddy), had been an officer in the Grenadier Guards, studied at Cambridge, and was exiled to Britain in 1966 by Milton Obote. Mutebi was then aged ten and attending a prep school in Sussex. His father died, neglected and in poverty, in 1969.

Unable to return to Uganda except on holiday, Mutebi went to Bradfield and Cambridge University (where he did not complete his law or his social anthropology courses). He struggled on with his studies at a London polytechnic and "did all the usual odd-jobs students do" while writing the occasional piece for African magazines and working in politics in exile. For three weeks he sold double glazing door-to-door; but only made one sale, so gave it up.

He arrived back in Uganda in 1987, under the pseudonym of John Sercombe, two years after President Yoweri Museveni took power. Since then he has been coming to grips with royal protocol. His entourage includes someone with the title of Kimbugwe, Keeper of the King's Umbilical Cord and Afterbirth, traditionally a position of considerable influence.

He said that when he first arrived back in Uganda there had been a "tremendous amount of hostility" to the institution of the kabaka [king], which has since turned to "enthusiasm which is very, very enthralling". So far he has had to survive mainly on enthusiasm because until the royal properties are returned to him his income is low and his entourage travels in a rusty transit van behind his Mercedes.

Away from view of his female servants, who walk on their knees before him, and the male retainers, who lose no opportunity to throw themselves at his feet and touch their temples to the ground in supplication, Mutebi appears to welcome the intrusion of "foreigners".

Sprawled in an armchair beneath a mango tree and a Pepsi parasol outside the modest bungalow which serves as his court, Ssabataka Mutebi was so relaxed he almost slid onto the lawn. The site, known as the Banda House, is resonant with history. The tree where in 1862 his great great grandfather Mutesa I met John Speke, the first *muzungu* [white] to enter Uganda, still stands.

Speke was horrified by the excesses of Mutesa I, who sacrificed 30 of his brothers to celebrate his own coronation, although in recent years Milton Obote and Idi Amin inflicted worse on the Ugandans and were responsible for the death of a million people between them.

In the vocal tones of the British aristocracy, Mutebi explained how he sees his new role: "the advent of the (British) protectorate in Uganda unhinged the social system. From the ancient traditions there is a tremendous amount to be drawn to get a new *modus vivendi* for today.

"We can draw on our culture and our traditions to keep the unity of the whole country together. It is the role of this institution to mobilise and focus cultural identity," he insisted.

President Museveni has made it clear that all traditional leaders in Uganda (which is made up of three other kingdoms, including Buganda, and many other tribally dominated areas) must stay out of politics, though he has used government funds to help Mutebi back to his feet.

But Mutebi is coy about what sort of a political role the future kabaka will really play. Some members of his camp would like to see Buganda, which covers about eight districts in the southeast of Uganda, federated into a state with him at the helm of a Bugandan constitutional monarchy.

Others, like his secretary general, the Rev Danny Kajumba, are more vague about the future — and enjoying the preparation for the coronation too much to worry about it. A third camp, of which Mutebi may be the only member, insists that Uganda's ongoing constitution-building process "simply take its course".

Insiders admit, however, the future king has been playing a clever game in avoiding controversy and appearing to let others fight his political battles for him while manipulating matters from behind the scenes.

One of the biggest problems he faces is in controlling Ganda nationalism which stems from nostalgia among the elderly, many of whom weep at the sight of him, and the young. The latter are beginning to see him as a rallying point for a secessionist movement they would never have thought of before he returned. "That energy must be harnessed into self-help and development," he said.

Does he have any marriage plans? "There is a tremendous amount of pressure but that will be done in my own time. We have a saying in Luganda: "The kabaka is the husband of all the Bugandan women."

TV soap washes linen in public

FRANK BRADFORD

Scottish viewers are getting a fly-on-the-wall view of family life, warts and all



Caught on camera: Taylor and Ann Ferguson attend to a customer in their salon

Last Wednesday night, Ann Ferguson had a problem with her contact lenses, as several hundred thousands Scots know. For the next four weeks, the most banal details of Mrs Ferguson's life, that of her husband, Taylor, and her son, Taylor junior, will be beamed into thousands of living rooms north of the border.

The Fergusons are Britain's answer to Noeline Donaher, the star of the BBC's Australian fly-on-the-wall series, *Sylvania Waters*. They, and three other families are taking part in Scottish Television's six-part series, *Real Life*, which is being screened on Wednesday evenings at 7pm.

Billed as a real-life soap opera, STV, in conjunction with Just Brilliant Television, has persuaded the four families to allow the cameras into their lives for four hours a day, four days a week. Recruits have been told they must be willing to share their marital infidelities, family rows and debt problems with the rest of the nation. They have no say in the final product.

Given the furore surrounding *Sylvania Waters*, and the bitter recriminations of Noeline and family, who claim they were "stitched up" and deliberately portrayed in a poor light, why would anyone agree to this gross invasion of privacy?

It is a particularly pertinent question for the Fergusons, who unlike the other participants, live in a degree of luxury. They are part of the Glasgow glitterati and own a series of successful businesses, including an up-market hairdressing salon, one of Glasgow's smarter restaurants and a property company. They live in the desirable suburb of Milngavie. Mr Ferguson drives a Mercedes, Mrs Ferguson is in the process of choosing a new car and 21-year-old Ferguson junior drives a BMW. They do not need the publicity, and at £100 per episode per family they are not in it for the money.

Ann Ferguson, a self-made woman, is quite clear about her motives for getting involved. "I am absolutely sick to death of seeing Glasgow portrayed as a city of drink, violence, drugs or unemployed people," she says. "We visit other countries a lot and there is this stigma attached to Glasgow. We decided we would show that Glasgow is a throbbing business city."

It has not quite worked out like that, however. Unemployment is a marked feature of the series; two of the families, the Browns and the McConnells, are out of work. The preponderance of working-class types in the programme has left the self-made Fergusons feeling there is a lack of balance.

Mrs Ferguson says: "I realised after watching the first episode I'm not going to be able to portray Glasgow as I wanted. I'm not sure it worked particularly well for me. We are a serious family, but I would have liked us to come across as less serious. I think at the end of the day we might come across as the most boring family. Although we do a lot of things, there isn't much drama."

Mr Ferguson, in particular, found the first episode embarrassing. "I was stunned," he says. Taylor junior, whose reaction to the news that his parents had agreed to become television stars was "you must have flipped your lids", watched only the first minute before declaring he couldn't handle it and left to revise for his finals at university.

STV insists that the remaining families are pleased with the results, if a trifle nervous. The McConnells, however, may be regretting mentioning on screen in the first episode that theft was a way of life in their village of Rigside in Lanarkshire. On Wednesday, viewers saw the McConnells escorted from their home by police after an angry mob gathered outside.

The Ross family from Edinburgh are reported to have been "pleasantly surprised" with the results. Mr Ross is chairman of the Hearts supporters' club and his twins, sons Darren and Daniel, are both "Hearts daft". Their embarrassment at having to kiss their grandmother on camera is palpably acute.

Perhaps the most natural performers are the Browns. They live in Fife with eight children and a cockatoo, in a two-bedroom house. Accommodation problems have been eased, unsatisfactorily in Mr Brown's view, by a council-owned caravan in the back garden.

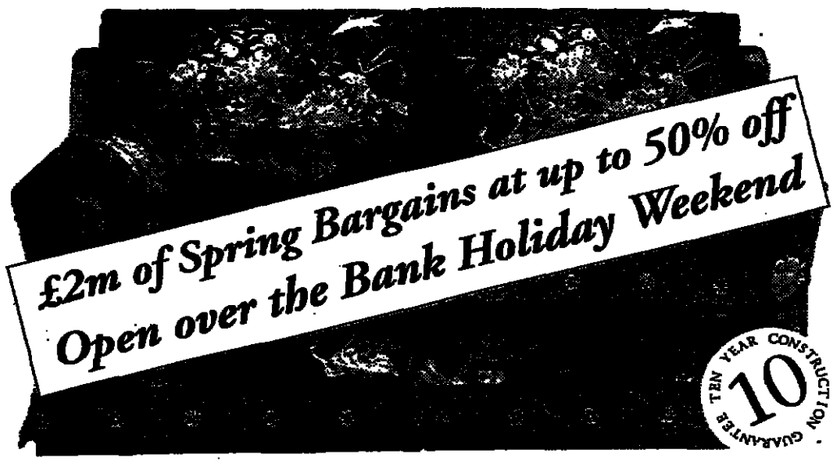
"No way would we even think about going on a caravan holiday now," Mr Brown tells the camera with some feeling. "We used to like caravans," says Mrs Brown, who has been married five times. Space is likely to become even more of an issue when the Brown's eldest daughter and her new baby return from hospital. "Slap it twice a day whether it needs it or no," is Mrs Brown's maternal advice.

Unlike the other families, the Fergusons did not apply to be part of the series but were persuaded at the last minute by a client who knew the producer. "I think we must have been brain dead at the time," Mr Ferguson says.

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Janet Daley



■ Tax allowances are a better way of getting money to needy families than child benefits

A couple I know whose income is very similar to my husband's and mine have three homes — a house in London, a cottage in the Cotswolds and a ramshackle but charming farmhouse in the Dordogne — whereas we have a single semi in the outer suburbs. They have three long holidays abroad every year, including one winter session in the Bahamas and another spent skiing in the Alps, while we are confined to the odd week scrounging from friends in Italy.

What accounts for the difference between their lifestyle and ours? Are they brilliant financial managers where we are imprudent or guileless? Certainly not. The factor which differentiates us is that we have two children and they have none. The money which we have poured into baby equipment, child and adolescent recreations, school fees, music lessons and maintenance through university is the equivalent of their houses and holidays.

This is not a complaint: I prefer the two daughters to any number of weeks in the Bahamas, and we are not now — even with all the extra expenses of children — hard up. What I wish to point out is that even for those who are quite well off, the impact of children on one's budget is staggering. The only sphere in which the expense of children could be regarded as inconsequential is in the rarefied multi-million-aire class which constitutes such a small proportion of the population as to be statistically infinitesimal.

Even parents who are not quite so maniacally concerned about providing every educational and cultural advantage must still fulfil their legal obligations to house and feed: the basic requirements of a larger home, clothing and family transport, plus the loss or reduction of a wife's earnings, mean that people who have children — even those living in conventional middle-class patterns — are going to be much poorer on the same income than those who do not.

All of which is intended to challenge the prevailing wisdom that it is absurd to be offering child benefit to the "rich", by which is usually meant middle class people who are securely employed on moderate earnings. Child benefit, paid directly to mothers by the social security department, was originally introduced as a replacement for the child tax allowance. If we now abolish universal child benefit, we shall be one of the few civilised societies (perhaps the only one) which makes no distinction in its taxation arrangements between those who have dependent children and those who do not.

The old tax allowance system was considered unfair on two grounds: first, it was argued, it helped only those who were eligible to pay tax. Neither the unemployed nor those who earned too little to come into the income-tax net received any advantage. Further, it was, in effect, a bonus to the breadwinner, who was usually the husband. The money would not necessarily benefit poorer children, who needed it most, simply as a result of an increase in the take-home pay of possibly feckless working-class men.

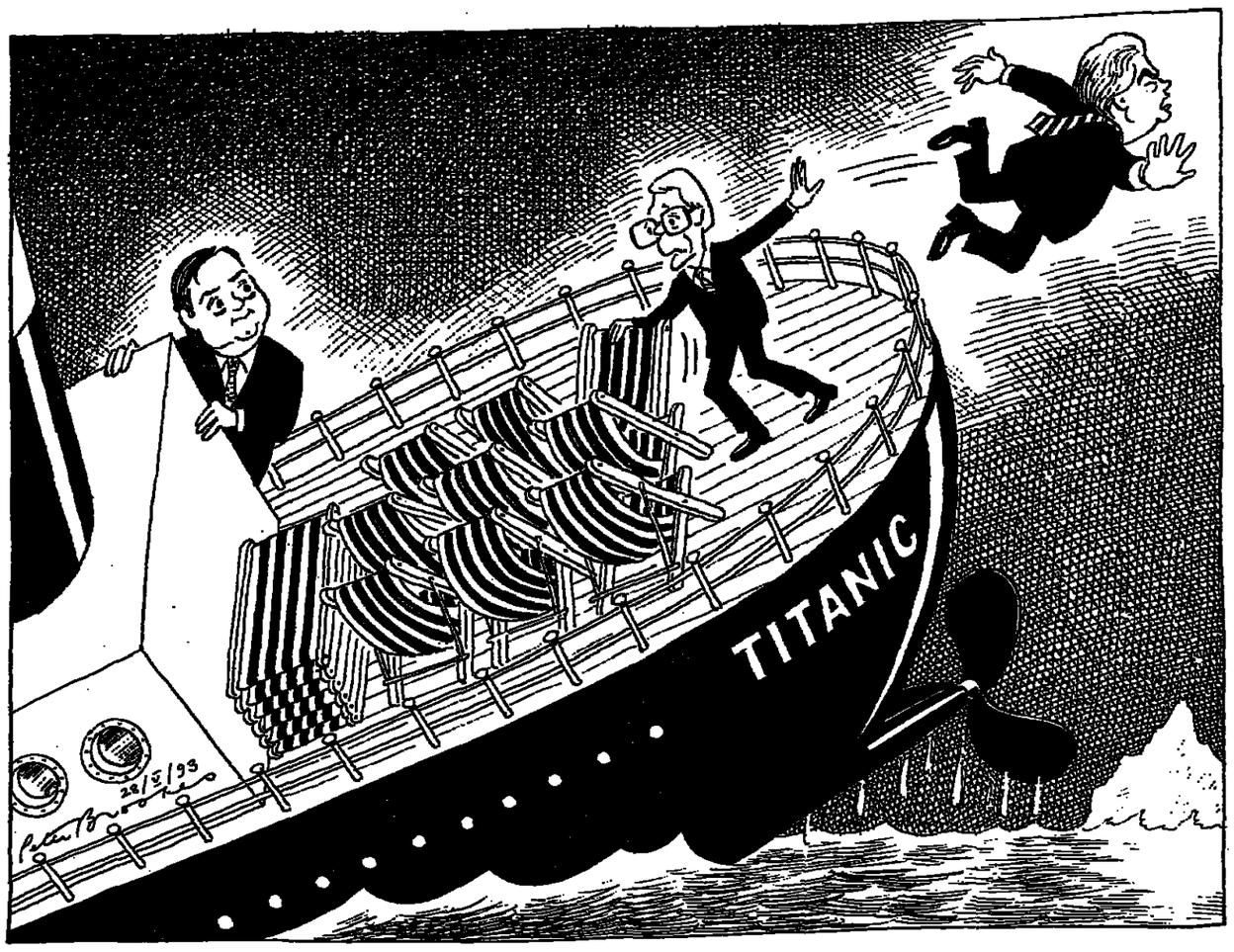
The logic of both of these arguments is dubious. Tax allowances do not help only those who actually *pay* tax, precisely because they serve to raise the threshold below which people are excluded from tax. Such allowances benefit the lowest earners by raising the *limit* on the amount which they can earn before they become eligible to pay income tax.

Tax allowances, in effect, are peculiarly just: they have most impact on the lower paid employee and become of less consequence as earnings go higher. Paying money direct to mothers instead of adding it to the father's wage packet was a reform which went with a conception of working-class life that now looks like a museum piece: the father as sole breadwinner and autocrat who would choose to keep his extra earnings away from a dependent wife and progeny. Andy Capp may have been the prototype of the 1950s, but those we must plan for now are the permanently fatherless families and the long-term unemployed, for whom any sort of wage packet is a folk memory.

> 'The reform went with a conception of working class life that looks a museum piece'

My solution, on free offer to the new Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, is as follows: reintroduce the child tax allowance which should be graded in *inverse proportion* to earnings: the less you earn, the greater your allowance, thus eliminating the truly rich from any benefit at all. For those who earn too little to be significantly affected by this allowance, bring in a form of negative income tax, which would replace the family income supplements now paid to low earners by the social services. For unemployed parents — male or female, married or single — pay a direct child benefit as part of the social security package which could be more closely geared to their genuinely greater needs.

The author David Lodge once said, "Novels are all about having sex and very little about having children, whereas life is just the opposite." Nothing would undermine the moral authority of government quite as much as the feeling that it had lost touch with what life is all about for most people.



John Major buys time

The cabinet reshuffle gives short-term protection, says **Peter Riddell**

The last time a Conservative prime minister sacked his Chancellor was in July 1962 when Harold Macmillan dismissed Selwyn Lloyd and a third of his cabinet. This provoked Jeremy Thorpe's famous taunt about having "laid down his friends for his life". There are intriguing parallels between that reshuffle, soon dubbed the "night of the long knives", and John Major's more limited surgery yesterday.

In each case, there was a mixture of necessity and boldness. In each case, the timing was affected by a self-feeding build-up of media speculation. In each case the dismissed Chancellor was aggrieved and made public his displeasure, as shown by Norman Lamont's sharp statement last night.

But will this reshuffle have a more favourable impact on the fortunes of the prime minister and the government than did the one 31 years ago? Mr Major has taken a big risk. But then he has had to do so because his premiership is at stake, not necessarily in the immediate future, but over the next 18 months.

Mr Major's decision to change his Chancellor is an admission of failure only 14 months after a general election. The Downing Street line about "refreshing the cabinet to put the right people in the right jobs" fools nobody. While the moves at the middle and junior levels had been long planned, the only point in reshuffling the cabinet, against Mr Major's instincts only a few weeks ago, was to remove Mr Lamont.

Mr Major was persuaded, notably by Sir Norman Fowler, that he had to change his Chancellor. Mr Lamont had become a liability and no longer had the political authority to carry through the required tough public spending and tax measures in the first unified Budget in six months' time.

The Chancellor's position had become increasingly vulnerable after the Tory rout at the local elections and the Newbury by-election three weeks ago. If Mr Major needed further confirmation of the government's and his difficulties, this morning's MORI poll in *The Times* provides chilling reading. Tory support is at its lowest level since late 1981 and Mr Major's own rating is lower than Margaret Thatcher's when she left office. So something has had to go, and it is the Chancellor.

Mr Lamont has become the symbol — unfairly, his friends would argue — of the government's deep unpopularity. His removal, in effect a sacking by offering him a job he was never likely to accept, has given Mr Major a chance of lifting the government out of the doldrums and regaining the political initiative.

The boldness comes in the appointment of Kenneth Clarke. He is one of the two or three figures of independent political standing in the cabinet, the others being Douglas Hurd and the still somewhat battered Michael Heseltine. Mr Clarke is currently top of the bookies' and pundits' lists of possible successors to Mr Major. While Mr Major appears to be taking a risk in replacing a battered shield with a possible rival, he may also be providing himself with an insurance policy.

> 'Mr Major's decision on his Chancellor is an admission of failure'

Prime ministers and Chancellors have to work closely together if a government is to survive, let alone thrive. Any breach weakens a government's position. The dangers were shown in 1988-89 when Lady Thatcher and Lord Lawson started to quarrel over sterling.

The closest parallel to Mr Clarke's move is the shift from the Home Office to the Treasury of Roy Jenkins after the November 1967 devaluation. Then, also, Lord Jenkins was seen as the main rival to Harold Wilson, but, despite wariness, their fates remained bound together. So when Lord Wilson was at his weakest in 1968-69, and Lord Jenkins was being urged by his supporters to mount a coup against the prime minister, he held back. Lord Jenkins reflects on his missed opportunity in his memoirs *A Life at the Centre*, but argues that he could not have taken any other course, both temperamentally and in view of the precarious state of confidence in the Labour government's policies.

Mr Clarke may similarly become shackled to Mr Major and certainly will be over the coming months as they, and Michael Portillo, seek to secure control over public spending and to cut public borrowing. Moreover, despite his pro-European record, Mr Clarke has offered the reassurance that he does not expect sterling to re-enter the ERM before the next election. But he is an ambitious man by his own public admission, and is possibly less fastidious and more ruthless than Lord Jenkins. The time could come some time next year — say after the local and Euro-elections in 12 months' time — when Mr Major could be vulnerable to party discontent and even to a challenge that autumn. That could test Mr Clarke's ambitions and loyalty.

For Mr Major, the obvious and immediate test is whether the reshuffle will improve his political fortunes. Apart from the replacement of Mr Lamont by Mr Clarke, the detailed changes are unlikely to make much public impact. John Redwood, the newcomer to the cabinet, may be a rising figure but he is hardly a household name. Otherwise, it is a classic exercise in whips' management, shifting around hardworking junior ministers and promoting promising backbenchers, including a couple of former MPs who returned to the Commons last year after having previously lost their seats. The right may grumble about the appointment of Mr Clarke as Chancellor, but this is balanced by the promotions of Michael Howard — who will resume his pre-election duel with Tony Blair — and of Mr Redwood. Some may be puzzled by the appointment of John Gummer to be environment secretary, the post rejected by Mr Lamont, but he apparently has political talents appreciated by the prime minister. Few outside Westminster will notice any of these changes.

The announcement, and the drama of the comings and goings in Downing Street yesterday, could help to give the impression of a prime minister who is acting decisively and has taken a grip. The evidence from the polls is that reshuffles give a small immediate boost to a government's standing. According to MORI figures, the Tories' rating rose by an average of just over 2 per cent after the main ministerial changes and reshuffles since 1979.

It is difficult otherwise to show that reshuffles marked a turning point in a government's fortunes. The 1962 changes have been regarded as a disaster for the Macmillan government. Tory MPs were widely sympathetic towards Selwyn Lloyd for having to carry the can for the government's record. As is often true in politics, criticism of the way the reshuffle had been carried out came from MPs who had been most prominent in demanding changes. There could now be a similar wave of sympathy for Mr Lamont. MPs will be watching to see if he now rocks the boat by, for instance, taking a Eurosceptic position. But, in the past, he has been something of a loner.

A revisionist view in the autumn 1992 issue of *Contemporary Record* by the historian Keith Alderman argues that the 1962 reshuffle was "considerably more successful than is generally allowed". It fulfilled Macmillan's aim of shifting to a more expansionary economic policy which may in turn eventually have helped boost Tory support and ensure that Labour won the October 1964 election by a narrow margin. The moves also weakened Macmillan's main rival, R.A. Butler. Nonetheless, he concludes that "the dismissals were the action of a beleaguered prime minister endeavouring to shore up a deteriorating situation, not a display of authority by a confident leader in a strong one".

Mr Major's exercise yesterday looks modest by comparison and it could also be more modest in its results. The only lasting favourable impact of the 1962 changes was the shift to a more expansionary policy under Reginald Maudling's Chancellorship. But yesterday's changes were presented as marking a change not in policy but only of personnel. As such, the impact on voters could be limited. The bookies may yesterday have shortened the odds on the Tories winning the next election. But political recovery depends on the government showing more competence than it has over the past year and taking control over public finances. By changing his Chancellor now, Mr Major has shown his weakness, not his strength. He has gambled and bought time, no more.

Bernard Levin will appear tomorrow

Clarke's golden hello

Anatole Kaletsky sees a Chancellor with a chance

Kenneth Clarke is the luckiest man in Britain. Norman Lamont quite rightly maintains that he was handed a poisoned chalice in 1990 by John Major, his immediate predecessor as Chancellor. But today Mr Clarke inherits the greatest opportunity afforded a British politician for many years.

That statement may strike readers as amazing. Surely the Treasury is on the brink of bankruptcy? Surely the new Chancellor will have to dismantle the welfare state and raise even more taxes? Surely Britain is sliding down the third division of banana republics?

If universal astonishment greets the likely success of the new Chancellor, so much the better for Mr Clarke. He will have proved yet again the old political adage: leaders do not find their luck, they make it. As Mr Clarke prepares to face the Treasury knights and design a strategy to revive the economy and restore the government's political standing, this is the lesson he should draw from reviewing his hapless predecessor's career.

Mr Lamont did not lose his job because of the misjudgments on monetary policy and the exchange rate he inherited from John Major and Nigel Lawson, grotesque though some of these were. He could even have got away with the recession and the blunder of the loss of £5 billion of taxpayers' money on White Wednesday. In reality, it was a very personal blunder that finished Mr Lamont's career. The critical mistake was failing to seize the *political* opportunities offered by White Wednesday. His economic policies since then have ended up about right, and have laid the foundations for a decent recovery. But instead of glorying in his newfound economic freedom, he never even acknowledged his policies had changed.

The Chancellor may have sung in his bath immediately after White Wednesday, but he did not have the political nous to tell the rest of the nation why they should burst into song. Again and again, Mr Lamont was given the chance to mark a clean break with the past. At the Tory conference in Brighton, at the Treasury committee, in the Mansion House speech and in the Autumn Statement, Mr Lamont could have said that ERM membership had served its anti-inflationary purpose and would now be replaced with a new policy with the over-riding objective of recovery and economic growth. But each time he pointedly refused to do this.

In the end, of course, the Treasury gave way and interest rates fell to 6 per cent in January. But neither the government, nor the Chancellor personally, ever gained much credit for all this monetary relief. To understand how much presentation matters, imagine the effect on consumer confidence, to say nothing of Tory morale, if Mr Lamont had made a simple announcement on White Wednesday: "I know that homeowners are recoiling from the shock of 15 per cent base rates and most commentators are predicting an endless recession, so I plan to cut interest rates to 6 per cent within six months."

At first, perhaps, people would not have believed him. But by the time Mr Lamont hit this target, which he did in January, he would have been hailed as one of the great Chancellors of all time.

There seem to be two reasons why Mr Lamont failed to seize such political chances. First, his melancholy disposition, which drove him to accentuate the problems facing economic policy, above all the dangers of inflation. Second, and more important, he was a slave to Treasury and Bank of England offical advice.

For Mr Clarke, therefore, there should be three clear lessons from the last Chancellor's undoing. First, if you are going to do something popular, such as cutting interest rates and triggering an economic expansion, make this the focus of your strategy and rhetoric, so that the government gets the credit when your policies work out.

Second, remember that the glass can be half full or half empty. None of the economic problems facing Britain today are insoluble, or even especially daunting, compared with the challenges of the past. Public-sector borrowing will shrink rapidly if the economy recovers strongly. The trade deficit will look after itself if sterling is allowed to float. There is no real constraint on your ability to ease interest rates and go on easing, as long as wage inflation is low and Britain stays outside the ERM. As for public spending, if cuts need to be made in prescriptions and child benefit, do not blame them on the size of the borrowing requirement (which people will attribute to the government's past incompetence) but point out that the economics will be used to finance higher spending in areas with even greater popular support, such as health care for the old.

Finally, and most importantly, stand up to your officials. Remember when you face the permanent secretary of the Treasury and the new governor of the Bank of England that they are the two people who should have resigned first when Britain left the ERM. If they had gone then, Mr Lamont might still be enjoying life at Number 11.

Stately homeless

NORMAN LAMONT *may be on* his way back to the back benches, but there should be no end of lucrative City job offers to console him. But what compensation can there be for losing the keys of No 11 and his beloved Dorneywood? Lord Howe, the former Chancellor and foreign secretary, whose demotion to Leader of the House triggered the events that led to Margaret Thatcher's downfall, says it will take time for Lamont to come to terms with it.

"Norman Lamont has had a very hard time. But he will not be overcast with gloom for too long. He will rediscover that there is life outside of Westminster. Norman Lamont is a big man. He will get by. You do." "

Howe, who lost Chevening when he was demoted from foreign secretary and then made do with Dorneywood for a year before quitting as Leader of the House of Commons, admits that losing the trappings of office is tough.

"It is hard. But in politics you are always ready for it to happen at some stage. The only uncertainty is when. No one can go through politics thinking he is going to live in Chequers or Dorneywood for ever." As Howe, one recalls, duly made certain with his resignation speech.

● *The loss of Dorneywood will be additionally felt by Lamont because of his interest in ornithology. His passion for our feathered friends prompted many a nocturnal ramble through the gardens. How cruel that the new incumbent at the Treasury also lists birdwatching as an interest. Kenneth Clarke pushed for Dorneywood when he was made home secretary after the election. This time he means to secure it.*

Hangover

HE MAY have chosen his pictures, but Peter Brooke, an unlikely survivor of yesterday's reshuffle, has yet to hang them. As we explained here on Tuesday, Brooke has selected an awe-inspiring collection of paintings for his department's smart new offices in Cockspur Street, across the road from the National Gallery.

But to his great disappointment, the collection (with works by Armstrong, Sickert and Frink) still languishes in storage. The reason? His new walls are so robust that it is proving more than a little difficult to hammer in picture hooks.

Workmen have been summoned, Brooke explains, to ensure that the walls do not remain blank for ever. "We're going to have to put up a picture rail," he says

● *Michael Heseltine is clearly a man confident in his job. At a Radio Academy dinner at the Reform Club this week to honour the retired BBC political editor, John Cole, Heseltine boldly made light of what many feared was his political nadir. Without a trace of irony, he began his speech: "I have been asked to speak about Cole."*

Disabused

While Mrs Lamont was breaking the news of her son's imminent departure, Josie Rowland, wife of Tiny, was beating a dignified retreat from the public arena.

On Monday Mrs Rowland had threatened to sue Tom Bower over claims in his new biography, *Tiny Rowland — a Rebel Tycoon*. But by yesterday she was a wiser woman.

In an elegantly worded statement Mrs Rowland said her lawyers now advised her that she had been "insufficiently abused" in the Bower book. "When I complained that I felt injured as a wife and mother they pointed out that it was neither a profession, a calling, a trade or a vocation." She was informed that published untruths, however hurtful, were not necessarily actionable. "Better instructed in the law, I went home."

He'll go far

AS Norman Lamont heads for political obscurity, Tristan Garel-Jones is looking forward to a much more exotic political sunset. Garel-Jones, who announced his intention to stand down as Foreign Office minister once Maastricht had passed through the Commons, is about to embark on his last overseas ministerial trip.

And what a farewell it is. Dubbed "Tristan's last hurrah" by his colleagues, Garel-Jones, who had responsibilities for Latin America, flies to Mexico tomorrow to begin a week-long visit to the region. After meeting government ministers in Mexico City, Garel-Jones will fly on to Honduras and Panama, before finishing in Ecuador. After that, however, it's straight back to his Watford constituency and the back benches.

● *Anthony Bevins, political editor of* The Independent, *will not be allowed to forget his bold assertion yesterday that the reshuffle speculation was just ill-informed media hype. Within minutes of the comings and goings from Downing Street the offending article was pinned up on the noticeboard in the House of Commons press gallery. Bevins, outraged and humiliated, ripped it down. But you can't keep a good story down. Before the morning was out the article was back — suitably enlarged and safely ensconced in a frame behind glass.*



In absentia

SO, IS Richard Ingrams getting too old to edit *The Oldie*? The question is inspired by the tone of his column in the latest issue. The reflective scribblings appear to have been composed while Ingrams was marooned at home with a defective knee, shortly before he departed on an extended spot of convalescence somewhere in the Greek islands. But is he coming back?

An introspective Ingrams recalls that the first issues of the magazine were appallingly amateurish, a failing which he says explains why circulation "rocketed down like a car on a roller coaster to practically zero". But during his enforced period of disability he has discovered that the "polished product of today" can be edited from afar. "Thanks to the invention of the fax it is now possible to edit a magazine at home." Or from even further afield. "Goodbye (for the time being)," he signs off. For Whitsun? For good?

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WITHOUT LAMONT

The prime minister faces opportunity and danger

No government should guide itself by opinion polls alone. But, in the absence of other guiding principles, the MORI survey which we publish today is not one lightly to be ignored. John Major leads the most unpopular administration for more than a decade. His personal popularity is falling fast. His party is now in third place across the whole of its south-eastern heartlands.

The prime minister did not want to do what he finally did. He dismissed his Chancellor of the Exchequer because he wanted the political success which Norman Lamont was preventing. His demeanour was as decisive as Hamlet's. Eventually he chose to act rather than not to act; but his mortal coil was not shuffled off yesterday.

The removal of a Chancellor is always a dangerous thing: the removal of the very man who managed one's leadership campaign, who carried out one's economic policies thereafter, who has witnessed the weakest moments of one's leadership as well as the triumphs, is no small matter. Mr Major acted only when no alternative was left. He seemed almost to relish his reaction to outside pressure. Perhaps it made the sacking of his friend a little easier. It was Mr Lamont's enemies who set the rumours of his demise; the media fanned them into a firestorm. On Wednesday the cabinet was at war. Yesterday there came a kind of peace.

The prime minister is now unprotected from his past. During his colourful career Mr Lamont has been given many names; but in Number Ten in recent times the ones that mattered were air-raid shelter and lightning conductor. The former Chancellor was a target, not a threat; the new Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, is the reverse, a potential rival who cannot be blamed for the debacles of the past eight months.

Cabinet-making is a powerful means for prime ministers to stamp a personal authority upon their colleagues. Mrs Thatcher spent the early eighties shuffling and reshuffling like a cowboy poker-player until she had the pack fixed properly to her liking. But this new cabinet does not bear the clear mark of John Major unless that mark be a blank space. It is hard to find meaning in the appointment of Gillian Shephard to the agriculture ministry, the promotion of John Gummer to the environment department, the arrival of David Hunt at the Department of Employment. A move for Malcolm Rifkind, who does not look assured at Defence, would have made more sense. The air remains weary, stale and flat: sure profit is far away.

The balance between the left and right of the party has been maintained — but only formally. Michael Howard, the right's choice for Chancellor, has been promoted to be home secretary: but in that job he must chiefly manipulate the great pile of legislation left to him by Mr Clarke. Mr Lamont leaves the cabinet seesaw and in comes the equally vigorous right-wing intellectual John Redwood: but Mr Redwood's departmental responsibility is for Wales. The spoils of this week's sparring are for the left, for Sir Norman Fowler, the would-be king-maker and for Mr Clarke, the would-be king.

On a day of traditional face-reading outside Downing Street, Mr Lamont's face was among the easiest to read. He might have preferred to be replaced — if replacement had to come — by transport secretary John Macgregor. But Mr MacGregor's much-touted move turned out to be a mere Macguffin — one of those maddening Hitchcock red herrings, a prey pursued by all the characters but having no impact at all on the eventual plot. As for the true direction of that plot, the right are rightly sceptical.

In the immediate future Mr Major has opportunities. The Maastricht battles are now behind him. Labour has slipped two points in the polls over the past month despite the government's misfortunes. By using Mr Clarke to cajole the Conservative left, the prime minister ought to be able to cut spending as far as Mr Lamont would have done. Michael Portillo, the formidable Chief Secretary, remains in place.

The general political outlook, however, is febrile. Mr Lamont may not take defeat lightly. His only passion is politics. There are not dozens of good jobs in the City for unpopular ex-chancellors. The recent record of backbench dissent is a mixed one. Francis Pym, after being fired as Foreign Secretary, founded his rebel Centre Forward group and was outwitted by the whips; Sir Ian Gilmour, who left office with a prediction that the government was "heading for the rocks", never found the energy to press his case; but Michael Heseltine bided his time to deadly effect and Sir Geoffrey Howe, with one single stilettoed speech, signalled the end of an ideological decade.

A PRESIDENT CALLS

The monarchy and Irish republic achieve a new understanding

The meeting yesterday between the Queen and Mary Robinson, the Irish president, was not part of an official state visit nor a summit between political leaders to resolve the future of Northern Ireland. Last week's council elections in Ulster showed that sectarian feeling is as robust as ever north of the border, while Belfast was in chaos yesterday as a flurry of bomb scares disrupted its traffic system. Two heads of state cannot cure such ills over tea.

Yet the symbolism of the meeting should not be underestimated. Yesterday's courtesy call at Buckingham Palace was the first time an Irish president has met a reigning monarch since Irish independence. No British sovereign has set foot in the south since Edward VII. The British should be encouraged by the enthusiasm which the meeting has generated across the Irish Sea.

Such encounters have been freighted with significance in the history of Anglo-Irish dealings. Eamon de Valera's visit to the German ambassador in Dublin in 1945 to convey his condolences on the death of Hitler stretched the Irish state's claim to neutrality in the war to the limit and is still remembered in both islands. The meeting between Mrs Robinson and the Queen has already been compared fancifully to the unlikely visit paid by Grace O'Malley, the pirate queen of west Ireland, to Elizabeth I in Greenwich in 1593. A more obvious precedent is the meeting held in 1965 between Sean Lemass, the Fianna Fail taoiseach, and Captain Terence O'Neill, the Orangeman prime minister of Northern Ireland, the first time an Irish prime minister had made such a politically hazardous journey.

That was a conference between two party politicians. Yesterday's meeting between the Queen and the Irish president was not meant to address policy differences but to assist the emergence of trust between the peoples whose loyalty they command so thoroughly. Mrs Robinson's vision of a "New Ireland" at the heart of Europe is bland; yet through sheer force of personality she has already become an iconic figure in Irish politics, fulfilling 800 engagements a year in an bid to revive national spirits by itineration. Likewise, her trips to Somalia and the funeral of the Warrington bomb victims have shown an impressive understanding of the symbolic role which a head of state can play in the life of nations. Her visits to this country ought to enrich Anglo-Irish understanding.

It is on that basis that yesterday's meeting must be judged. The task facing Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, will not become significantly easier; the men of violence will not tug their forelocks and drop their weapons. Nor is it time, as some have suggested, for the Queen to make an official visit to the South. While the claim to the North remains enshrined in articles 2 and 3 of the republic's constitution, no such olive branch can be extended.

Nonetheless, the meeting represents an important improvement in relations between the monarchy and the republic, which have been cool since the assassination of Lord Mountbatten in 1979. Private visits by the Princess Royal and Prince Edward to the South have paved the way for this new understanding, sealed yesterday by the Queen and the president. Where those who define national pride lead, ordinary people may eventually follow: that alone is reason for cautious celebration.

TERROR AGAINST ART

The Mafia's desperate strategy should unite Europe against it

The bomb attack on the Uffizi gallery in Florence yesterday bears the signature of the Mafia. Its recent bomb attack in Rome was an act of terror aimed at aborting modern Italy's political rebirth. The police have good grounds for believing that it has extended its assault to the proudest legacies of its Renaissance. This despicable and unprecedented act of cultural terrorism, which included in its incidental victims a family of four living in a medieval tower across the street, would fit with the Mafia's new, desperate strategy to reassert its weakening grip on the institutions of the Italian state.

Italy has endured earlier bomb attacks, waves of kidnappings and the Red Brigade's terrorist campaign of the 1970s. But there is a special horror in this assault on its richly textured cultural fabric, the essence of Italy's nationhood to an even greater extent than it is in other, less fabulously endowed countries. The most famous paintings were saved only because plastic shields were recently installed to guard against the more familiar form of attack by deranged vandals. Coming five days after the first anniversary of the Mafia assassination of the remarkable anti-Mafia judge, Giovanni Falcone, the destruction wrought by the Uffizi bomb was evidently intended to reach beyond the works of art and beyond economic sabotage to Italy's vital tourist industry.

The Mafia's real target is the drive against corruption and organised crime which, for the first time since the second world war, Cosa Nostra is at last being compelled to take seriously. Just as Judge Falcone's murder awakened a national revulsion against the webs linking politics and organised crime, so the damage to some of the world's greatest artistic treasures will backfire against the criminals if it spurs the pace of political reform. That was the burden of Italy's instinctive response yesterday. All Europeans, each of whose history was vandalised by the flames in the Uffizi, must help the beleaguered country to erase this scar on the civilisation of the West.

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Stress and student deaths at Oxford

From Professor Sir Graham Hills, FRSE

Sir, Your article of May 24 on stress (and suicide) at Oxford University, "Death among the dreaming spires", prompts me to suggest that it might be reduced if examinations were less overtly competitive. Most countries operate a system whereby all those achieving the requisite standard simply pass.

There are seldom categories of pass and, although it is possible to achieve distinctions, there is no sense of failure if one does not. This is the practice in medical schools, ultimate prowess being judged on actual performance.

In other subjects, and especially so in England, there is an elaborate and unique set of gradings — first, upper second, lower second and third class honours — as well as a pass category and, of course, an outright fail. Recently, there has even been talk of an upper first and already in certain subjects a starred first is occasionally awarded.

This passion for grading people is an English phenomenon, forced on the reluctant Scots at the turn of the last century. It is a highly dubious procedure, if only because the assessment of intelligence and other such qualities is anything but a precise matter.

Attempts at making it more precise only lead to the cloning of the examiners' minds. There is no evidence that a first is a passport to success or happiness. The idea that a closed-book, written examination is a test of or preparation for real life is laughable.

Could we, therefore, follow the example of others by abandoning the high-hurdle, death-or-glory mode of examination and replacing it with the more civilised and realistic model of a staircase of achievable passes? Such a ladder of attainment can be climbed by all, in their own way and at their own pace, to the same high standard as before.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM HILLS,
Sunnyside of Threepwood,
Laigh Threepwood, Beith, Ayrshire.
May 24.

Astonishing costs

From Mr J. E. Humphrey

Sir, Norman Lamont recently hailed the UK annual inflation rate of 1.3 per cent per annum as an "astonishing achievement".

Here are the annual cost increases of the domestic elements of running my household: housekeeping (+ 8.7 per cent), household insurance (+ 15.2 per cent), electricity (+ 3.5 per cent), heating oil (+ 12.3 per cent), poll tax/council tax (+ 34.8 per cent), water rates (+ 8.9 per cent), motor fuel (+ 7.1 per cent), motor insurance (+ 9.5 per cent), road fund licences (+ 13.6 per cent).

With the exception of poll tax/council tax, which will vary greatly according to circumstances, I imagine the figures are fairly typical.

For once our outgoing Chancellor was right. An inflation rate of 1.3 per cent is truly astonishing.

Yours faithfully,
JULIAN E. HUMPHREY,
Mollards Cottage,
44 Nup End Lane,
Wingrave,
Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.
May 27.

Vitamin E protection

From Mr Maurice Hanssen

Sir, The *New England Journal of Medicine* study (report, May 20) confirms, with 120,000 subjects, that men and women taking regular supplements of at least 100mg of vitamin E have a substantially reduced risk of coronary heart disease.

Yet the British Heart Foundation tells us: "You can never be sure that the people ... are not doing something else that brings the protection." Maybe they are, but vitamin E is a naturally occurring, extremely safe nutrient with no adverse effects reported anywhere in the literature at a consumption of five times this recommended level. More clinical work is welcome, but that is no reason for not taking sensible precautions against an early death.

Is the foundation being as illogical as the advocates of the greatest known cause of heart disease — the pro-smoking lobby?

Yours faithfully,
MAURICE HANSSEN
(Secretary), Council for Responsible Nutrition,
63 Hampton Court Way,
Thames Ditton, Surrey.
May 20.

Mind the doors

From Mr S. W. Allen

Sir, Mr P. J. Coster (letter, May 26) may think that lift doors close more quickly when one is on the outside. That speed can be more than matched when one is inside with a pushchair.

Yours faithfully,
S. W. ALLEN,
Bayona, 22 Keepers Lane,
Codsall, Wolverhampton.
May 27.

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Implications of the railways sell-off

From Sir Christopher Pinsent

Sir, Half a century ago Europe saved herself from some of the socially divisive and barbarising effects of the decay of public transport afflicting North America by nationalising her railways.

Now you report (May 24) our transport secretary as defending the government's intention to sell off British Rail by observing that other privatisations of public services "have all worked". Does he not understand that public transport is an animal specifically different from other services?

Most citizens who can afford it and are capable of driving a car make enormous capital outlay to set up their own private transport system. Having done this, they naturally avoid, when they can, paying to travel on the public system, thus allowing the latter to be frayed into an incomplete safety net for the disadvantaged.

It is completely irresponsible to set about privatising public transport until the fiscal arrangements for private motoring have been made to deal equitably with the motor car.

If the Chancellor had in his last Budget scrapped vehicle excise duty and all tax on cars, and transferred these charges to the fuel pump, one might suppose that this government had some idea of the nature of the problem. As it is, I pray that Parliament holds the government back from this ill-considered bill.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER PINSENT,
The Chestnuts, Castle Hill,
Guildford, Surrey.
May 24.

From Mr A. W. N. Probert

Sir, Simon Jenkins seems to have hit the nail firmly on the head in his vigorous criticism of the government's plans for our railways ("One-track minds", May 26).

Unfortunately, this government has yet to come to terms with what a market really is. A system where a government defines the products, the supply and the prices, and can interfere with the workings is *not* a market, whatever else it may be.

In a real market "all the variables vary".

Yours faithfully,
A. W. N. PROBERT,
The Social Marketing Group,
University of Cambridge,
12 Mill Lane, Cambridge.
May 26.

From Mrs Hilary McGowan

Sir, On the day after the announcements of the new British Rail franchises, the InterCity 7.27am from Exeter to Bristol Temple Meads was delayed because of swans on the line.

This sounded like a new excuse. One passenger even wondered whether they were the wrong sort of swan. But, sure enough, after 20 minutes a pair of parent swans and eight cygnets were safely moved off the rails and we proceeded with our journey.

I wonder whether the contract for providing privatised rail services will include a swan-saving clause.

Yours faithfully,
HILARY McGOWAN,
Danehurst, Christow, Devon.
May 25.

From Mr John Rabson

Sir, One day last week I travelled by InterCity. The train was late. InterCity's explanation was that it was not their fault — Network SouthEast had had trouble with points and rolling stock.

Is such public buck-passing a foretaste of what we may expect from a privatised railway system?

Yours faithfully,
J. RABSON,
The Limes Farmhouse, Eyke,
Woodbridge, Suffolk.
May 25.

Neighbourhood watch

From Mr Peter Loyd

Sir, You quote from Dr David Pyle's report (details, May 24) that "in some areas where neighbourhood watch schemes had been introduced crime had risen". What you do not report is that in other areas where neighbourhood watch schemes are in operation crime, especially burglary, has decreased significantly.

Six years ago burglary in the N2 and NW11 London postal districts was as high as anywhere in the country. Now burglaries in these areas are amongst the lowest in London and well below the national average.

In 1990, when nationally burglary rose by 16 per cent, in Hampstead Garden Suburb it decreased by 10.4 per cent. In 1992, when burglary again rose nationally, it decreased by 3 per cent throughout the Golders Green and Finchley police divisional area.

Of course, great credit for these successes is due to the police with whom those of us involved in neighbourhood watch work in close partnership. The fact that the burglary rate in this area is approximately half what it is in neighbouring areas without effective neighbourhood watch coverage reflects:

1. Neighbourhood watch has to be a continuing commitment on the part of every member, i.e., it works if you work at it.

2. The necessity for individual home owners to act upon the excellent security advice they are given.

Yours etc,
P. H. LOYD (Chairman,
Golders Green & Finchley
Crime Prevention Panel),
12 Meadway, NW11.
May 25.

A county case

From the Chief Executive of the Local Government Commission for England

Sir, I was interested to read the article by Matthew Parris (May 20) about the Local Government Commission's draft proposals for the restructuring of Derbyshire local government.

Unlike the case of Cricklewood 30 years ago (when London's local government was changed), no final recommendations will be decided by my commission without the people of Derbyshire having a full opportunity to have their views heard. The commission is embarked on a widespread consultation exercise in Derbyshire lasting until the middle of July to seek local views on a range of options for a new local government structure. These include establishing two new authorities, but also various other combinations, including a three-authority structure, which recognise the very diversity on which Matthew Parris commented.

The arguments for these options have been set out by the commission in a report to the people of the county. We have given widespread local publicity to the proposals, which will be discussed at public meetings, and the commission also intends to undertake a public opinion poll.

Yours sincerely,
MARTIN EASTEAL,
Chief Executive,
Local Government Commission for England,
Dolphyn Court,
10-11 Great Turnstile,
Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC1.
May 24.

British films at risk

From Mr John Wilkinson

Sir, Mr John Woodward (letter, May 21) writes of British film production possibly being discriminated against and "stifled by the commercial muscle of the large ... distributors and cinema chains".

My association has not been able to identify any British film which has been made available that has been refused a platform. All films offered have been exhibited and the public have had the opportunity to make a judgment.

When a film is exhibited, the cinema owner cannot force the public to attend and watch the film; it can only be offered. All cinema owners, whether circuits or independents or subsidised, believe in a free market, where the exhibitor shows the film which is attractive to the paying public who attend that cinema location.

Any artificial measures that may misguidedly seek to impose a restriction of choice are a form of censorship and are contrary to the public and commercial interests.

Yours,
JOHN WILKINSON
(Chief Executive),
The Cinema Exhibitors' Association,
1st Floor, Royalty House,
72-73 Dean Street, W1.
May 24.

Hurd in Romania

From Mrs Jessica Douglas-Home

Sir, The Foreign Secretary visits Romania next week, the first such visit for eight years. Mr Douglas Hurd will be seeking President Iliescu's co-operation in policing the river Danube: let us hope that he does not grant too much to the present regime in return.

Until the Romanian secret police are brought under cross-party parliamentary control (parliament was again denied even the chance to debate this last week, with another "postponement" until the autumn) Romania cannot be considered for full membership of the Council of Europe.

The fact that 12 officers in Ceausescu's Securitate are now government ministers, and the recent rehabilitation of Ceausescu's *nomenklatura* in high positions throughout the country, have resulted in the continuing exodus of thousands of the best Romanians.

I hope that Mr Hurd will make it clear that Romania's behaviour in these, as in many other respects, is unacceptable for a state aspiring to ultimate membership of the EC.

Yours sincerely,
JESSICA DOUGLAS-HOME,
63 Hillgate Place, W8.
May 26.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — 071-782 5046.

New home for Raleigh statue

From the Chairman of the Royal Fine Art Commission

Sir, On Tuesday Her Majesty the Queen unveiled the fine statue of Field Marshal Viscount Alanbrooke by Ivor Roberts-Jones outside the Ministry of Defence in Whitehall (Court Circular, May 26). The Royal Fine Art Commission is happy to have played its part in bringing this great enterprise of Field Marshal Lord Carver to a successful conclusion.

We have been less successful in our efforts to have Sir Walter Raleigh's statue removed from its present position on the same site. We have long taken the view that it was out of scale and too small for the site. Field Marshal Alanbrooke now makes Raleigh look like a pygmy and the general effect of the new statue is greatly reduced. Could Raleigh not now be moved by the government?

Over two years we have had offers to give him a good home from East Budleigh and Bicton Parish Council (the parish in which he was born); from Lord Weatherill, the former Speaker of the House of Commons, to place the statue in St Margaret's churchyard at Westminster (where Raleigh's body is buried); from Mr Simon Wingfield Digby to place the statue in Raleigh's old home of Sherborne Castle; and most recently (on Tuesday afternoon) from the Constable of the Tower of London to place it there.

Any of these sites would be preferable to the present one. Now that our argument has taken on a visual form, would it not be possible for the Secretary of State for the Environment and the Secretary of State for National Heritage to act together and get something done?

Yours sincerely,
St JOHN of FAWSLEY,
Chairman,
Royal Fine Art Commission,
7 St James's Square, SW1.
May 26.

Mental illness

From Professor D. J. Pereira Gray

Sir, The director of the Mental Health Foundation (letter, May 18) is right to emphasise that a less stigmatising and more cost-effective service to combat mental illness can be provided in general than in hospital practice. However, it is not correct that "most GPs receive only four weeks' training in this field and even that is voluntary".

Since 1981 every GP appointed in the NHS has been required by law to complete a 12-month period of training in general practice. Much of this is focused on patients' psychological and social problems in the setting in which they are seen. In addition, over 40 per cent of GPs complete six months' hospital training in psychiatry.

It is unfortunately a fact, confirmed by medical research in general practice, that depression, one of the commonest illnesses, is prone to recur. It is therefore important that GPs, who are sensitive to patients' needs, should carefully record previous events so as quickly to detect any recurrences.

Yours faithfully,
DENIS PEREIRA GRAY
(Director),
Postgraduate Medical School,
University of Exeter,
Barrack Road, Exeter, Devon.
May 18.

ENO's American Mimi

From Mr Richard Fisher and Dame Janet Baker

Sir, While certain operatic roles are notoriously difficult to cast, Mimi in *La Bohème* is not usually regarded as one of them. Difficult, maybe, but not that difficult. It hardly inspires confidence in the new management, therefore, that English National Opera (of all companies) is reduced to casting an American in the role in the first performances of its new production.

ENO may no longer be restricted to engaging only British or Commonwealth singers, as it was in pre-EC days when it was still Sadler's Wells Opera: but as the one major company in this country performing solely in English it surely has a responsibility to the public, who pay for most opera training through their taxes, and to the many excellent singers who are the products of that training, to use British singers whenever possible.

If the management cannot find a British Mimi, one wonders just when they started looking and how hard they really tried.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD FISHER
(General Administrator,
Royal Philharmonic Society),
JANET BAKER,
1 Middle Lane, N8.

New deal

From Mr Trevor Chenery

Sir, If the prime minister had wanted a change in his political fortunes would he not have been better advised to call for a completely fresh deck rather than rely on reshuffling the one that, so far, has brought him little, or no, luck.

Yours faithfully,
TREVOR CHENERY,
10 Walnut Tree Lane,
Longwick, Buckinghamshire.
May 27.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 27: The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief, accompanied by The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, this morning presented New Standards to the Household Cavalry on Horse Guards Parade.

Her Majesty, with Her Royal Highness, drove from Buckingham Palace in a carriage procession escorted by a travelling escort of the Household Cavalry under the command of Captain Charles Clee, The Blues and Royals, with the Guidon of the Regiment.

The Queen and The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, were received by Major General the Lord Michael Fitzalan Howard (Colonel, The Life Guards) and General Sir Desmond Fitzpatrick (Colonel, The Blues and Royals, Royal Horse Guards and 1st Dragoons).

After the presentation Her Majesty was graciously pleased to address the parade and Colonel Jeremy Smith-Bingham (Lieutenant Colonel Commanding Household Cavalry) replied.

The Lady Susan Hussey, Mr Robin Janvrin and Lieutenant Colonel Seymour Gilbart-Denham were in attendance.

The President of the Republic of Ireland and Mr Robinson this afternoon visited The Queen.

The Duke of Edinburgh this morning visited the Warship Preservation Trust at Birkenhead and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Merseyside (Mr Henry Cotton).

His Royal Highness, Patron, the Outward Bound Trust, this afternoon attended a luncheon given by the Glasgow and West of Scotland Outward Bound Association, the Central Hotel, Glasgow, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the City of Glasgow (Mr Robert Innes, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, later visited Compaq Computers, Erskine, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Renfrewshire (Major David Crichton Maitland).

His Royal Highness afterwards visited The Princess Louise Scottish Hospital for Disabled Ex-Service Men and Women, Erskine.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Member, this evening attended the 120th anniversary dinner of the Mudhook Yacht Club, the Royal Northern and Clyde Yacht Club, Rhu, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Dunbartonshire (Brigadier Donald Hardie).

Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis was in attendance.

By command of The Queen, the Viscount Goschen (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning upon the departure of The President of the Republic of Uganda and Mrs Museveni and bade farewell to His Excellency and Mrs Museveni on behalf of Her Majesty.

By command of The Queen, the Viscount Goschen (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this evening upon the arrival of The President of the United Arab Emirates and welcomed His Highness on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 27: The Prince Edward, Patron, the Haddo House Hall Arts Trust, this evening attended the exhibition and dinner of the "Spring Promenade '93", Haddo House Hall, Aberdeenshire.

May 27: The Princess Royal, President, Animal Health Trust, this morning attended the Council of Management annual general meeting followed by luncheon with members of the council, the Kennel Club, 1 Clarges Street, London W1.

Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, this afternoon attended the Save the Children Fund industry and commerce group meeting at Buckingham Palace.

The Princess Royal, Commandant-in-Chief, Women's Transport Service (FANY), this evening attended the inauguration of the new headquarters, A Block, Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea, London SW3.

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, later held a special gifts dinner for Save the Children Fund's 75th anniversary appeal at Buckingham Palace.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 27: The Prince of Wales today visited Kent and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant (the Rt Hon Robin Leigh-Pemberton).

His Royal Highness, Duke of Cornwall, this morning visited the Brogdale Horticultural Trust's site to see work being undertaken to maintain and enhance the National Fruit Collections, Brogdale Road, Faversham.

The Prince of Wales, Patron, Royal Society for Nature Conservation, this afternoon visited the Kent Trust for Nature Conservation and opened the trust's new headquarters at Tyland Barn, Maidstone.

Commander Richard Aylard RN was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 27: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester this morning attended the Presentation of the New Standards to the Household Cavalry on Horse Guards Parade, London SW1.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 27: The Duke of Kent this morning attended the Presentation of Standards to the Household Cavalry Regiment, Horse Guards, London SW1.

Captain the Honourable Tom Coke was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this evening attended the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association's reunion dinner, at the Café Royal, 68 Regent Street, London W1.

Mrs Colin Marsh was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
May 27: Princess Alexandra this afternoon paid her farewell visit as Colonel-in-Chief to the 17th/21st Lancers and took the salute at the Regimental Parade at Aliwal Barracks, Tidworth, Hampshire.

The Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

University news

Oxford

All Souls College

Elections:

To a Senior Research Fellowship in Economics, Professor Paul A. David (Stanford University).

To a Senior Research Fellowship in Law, Professor Stephen M. Cretney (Bristol University).

Nuffield College

Professor Anthony Barnes Atkinson, Professor of Political Economy, Cambridge University, has been pre-elected to the Wardenship of the college from August 1994 when Sir David Cox will retire.

Pembroke College

Professor Robert Stevens has been pre-elected to be the Master of the College from September.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will visit Merseyside Maritime Museum at 11.30 to mark the Battle of the Atlantic celebrations; will visit Liverpool football club at 2.40; and will visit Bootle Town Hall at 3.45.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of AFASIC - overcoming speech impediments, will visit the Nuffield speech and language unit at 6 Castlebar Hill, W5, at 11.30.

Luncheons

East Africa Association

Baroness Chalker of Wallasey was the guest of honour and speaker at the annual meeting and luncheon of the East Africa Association held yesterday at Over-Seas House. Mr Tom Brazier, chairman, received the guests.

The Park Tower Luncheon Club

The Park Tower Luncheon Club held a luncheon yesterday in Restaurant 101 Knightsbridge at The Sheraton Park Tower Hotel. Mr Derek Picot, General Manager and Miss Jacqueline McCouat were the hosts and the guests were Mr Telly Savalas, the Hon Peter Brooke, CH, MP, Mr Neil Mackwood, Ms Katherine Whitehorn, Mr Robert Carrier, and Ms Susan Penhaligon.

Dinners

HM Government

The Hon Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, held a dinner yesterday at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of Mr Yousuf bin Alawi bin Abdullah, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Oman.

Scientific Instrument Makers' Company

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the annual dinner of the Scientific Instrument Makers' Company held last night at Guildhall. Dr David Townsley Hughes, Master, presided. Captain N. Lloyd-Edwards, Lord Lieutenant of South Glamorgan and Master of the Welsh Livery Guild, and Mr Donald Coleman, Senior Warden, also spoke.

University College London

Dr D H Roberts, Provost of University College London, presided at the Fellows' Dinner held on Wednesday, May 19, 1993. Earlier the following new Fellows and Honorary Fellows were admitted:

Fellows: Dr E R Beck, Professor P B H Birks, Professor L Chen (in absentia), Professor R J H Clark, Professor P Cohen, Dr J C Foreman, Mr Patrick Heron (in absentia), Professor L N Johnson, Professor K A Pounds, Sir Rodney Sweetnam, Professor A C Thomas, Professor A E Warner.

Honorary Fellows: Dr M Altman, Mr R Godai (in absentia), Sir Robin Ibbs, Dr A L McLaren, Professor N A Mitchison, Dr B M Ogilvie.

Incorporation of Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen

Mr J.L. Maunder, Master of the Incorporation of Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen, presided at a dinner held last night at Tuckers' Hall, Exeter, in honour of Mr J.C.T. Harvey, Master of the Society of Merchant Venturers of the City of Bristol, and Sir Brooke Fairbairn, Upper Bailiff of the Weavers' Company.

Service reception

REME

Major-General M.S. Heath, Director General of Equipment Support (Army), presided at a REME spring reception held last night at West Court, Finchampstead.

Appointment

Charles Harpum to be a Law Commissioner from Jan 1, 1994.

Memorial service

Lord Edmund-Davies

The Lord Chancellor was represented by Mr Mark Ormerod at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Edmund-Davies held yesterday in the Chapel of Gray's Inn. Canon Eric James officiated. Sir John Vinelott, treasurer, read the lesson and Lord Hooson, QC, gave an address. Among those present were:

Dr and the Hon Mrs Freddy Worlock, Mr and the Hon Mrs Alan Large and Professor Wolfgang and Dr the Hon Shân Schüffel (sons-in-law and daughters), Mr Jason Roberts, Miss Hannah Roberts, Miss Judy Schüffel, Mr Paddy Schüffel; Dr and Mrs Mark Bulsing and Mr Timothy Worlock (grandchildren), the Rev Clifford and Mrs Davies (brother and sister-in-law), Dr Geraint James and Dame Sheila Sherlock (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Dr Anne Davies (sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs Michael Davis, Mr John J W Davies, Miss D E Davies, Miss Amanda James, Mrs Miles Gleeson White, Mrs Esther Tobler-Hanni, Miss Marjorie Morris, Mrs Barbara Hampel.

Earl Ferrers, Lord Howe of Aberavon, QC, Lord Scarman, Lord Shawcross, QC, Lord Simon of Glaisdale, Lady Widgery, Lord and Lady Wilberforce, Lord Aberdare, Lord and Lady Ackner, Lady Devlin, Lord Campbell of Alloway, QC, Lord Thomas of Gwydir, QC, Lord Williams of Mostyn, QC, Lord Mustill, Lord and Lady Lane, Lady Hooson, Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Carlisle of Bucklow, QC.

Sir Christopher Slade (Lincoln's Inn), Lord Justice Russell, Lord Justice Ralph Gibson, Lord Justice Rose, Sir John Stephenson, Sir George and the Hon Lady Waller, Sir David Croom-Johnson, Sir John Megaw, Lord Justice and Lady Glidewell, Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, Lord Justice and Lady Evans, Sir Thomas Bingham, Lord Justice McCowan, Lord Justice Mann, Lord Justice and Lady Roch, Mr John Morris, QC, MP, and Mrs Morris.

Sir John Habakkuk, Sir Ralph and Lady Kilner Brown, Sir Henry Marking (Leonard Cheshire Foundation), Lady Phillips, Lady (Roy) Wilson, Sir Gordon Borrie, QC, Sir Ralph and Lady Kilner-Brown, Sir George Engle, QC, Sir Alexander and Lady Johnston, Sir Ronald Waterhouse, Mr Justice Pill, Sir John Meurig Thomas, Mr Justice Potter.

Dame Josephine Barnes, Sir William and Lady Mars-Jones, Dame Rose Heilbron, Sir Alun Davies, QC, and Lady Davies, Sir Maurice Bathurst, QC, and Lady Bathurst, Sir Patrick Neill, QC, and Lady Neill, Mr Justice Mummery, Mr Justice Ewbank, Mr Justice and Lady Owen, Mr Justice and Lady Auld.

His Honour Raymond Stock, QC, and Mrs Stock, His Honour Colin Sleeman, QC, and Mrs Sleeman, Judge Esyr Lewis, QC, and Mrs Lewis, Judge Anthony Diamond, QC, His Honour Jack Abdela, QC, and Mrs Abdela, Judge and Mrs J A Baker, Judge Colyer, QC (Lawyers' Christian Fellowship), Judge T A C Coningsby, QC, Judge Monro Davies, QC, His Honour and Mrs Bertrand Richards.

Mr Philip Cronin (Metropolitan Police Federation), Mr Colin Berry (Police Federation, Lancashire Constabulary), Lieutenant-Colonel M I Burkham (The Royal Welch Fusiliers), Mr Gethis Williams (chairman, London Welsh Trust), Professor Emrys Jones (Honourable Society of Cymmrodorion), Mr Kenneth Bowen (conductor, London Welsh Chorale), the Rev Byron Evans (Castle Street Welsh Baptist Church), the Rev Barbara Stanford (Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church), Professor A M Lucas (King's College London), Professor Graham Zellick (Queen Mary and Westfield College), Mr R A M Forrest (Reform Club), Mr R Williams (*The Law Reports*).

Mrs Mary Burke, Dr Thomas Evans, Mrs Korda Caplan, Mr Philip Cox, QC, and Mrs Cox, Mr Richard Stone, QC, and Mrs Stone, Mr Charles Sparrow, QC, Mr Conrad Dehn, QC, and Mrs Dehn, Miss Jean Southworth, QC, Mr Maurice Price, QC, Mr Martin Collins, QC, Mr Julian Jeffs, QC, Professor Guenter Treitel, QC, Mr Jeremy Lever, QC, Mr William Denny, QC, Mr Leonard Caplan, QC, Mrs N John, Mr and Mrs David Parry-Jones, Mr H W Sabin and Professor and Mrs J D R Thomas.



The impressionist Faith Brown is 46 today

Birthdays today

Sir Owen Aisher, yachtsman and life president, Marley, 93; Professor John Alderson, former chief constable, Devon and Cornwall, 71; Mr Albert Booth, former MP, 65; Professor Patrick S. Boulter, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, 66; Sir Patrick Browne, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 86; Sir Gerald Cash, former governor-general, The Bahamas, 76; Sir Edward du Cann, former chairman, Lonhro, 69; Mrs Liz Edgar, showjumper, 50; Mr Robert Evans, chairman, British Gas, 66; Sir Reginald Eyre, former MP, 69; Mr Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, baritone, 68; Lord Goold, 59; Miss Thora Hird, actress, 77; Mr N.C. Ireland, chairman, BTR, 66; Miss Rachel Kempson, actress, 83; Mrs Tina Knight, founder, Nighthawk Electronics, 47; Professor György Ligeti, composer, 70; Sir Patrick McNair-Wilson, MP, 64; Viscount Melville, 56; Mr R.C. Miquel, former chairman, Belhaven, 62; Mr Ray Mitchell, governor, Durham Prison, 50; Sir Leslie Monson, diplomat, 81; Miss Thea Musgrave, composer, 65; Mr Justice Otton, 60; Professor Stuart Piggott, archaeologist, 83; Mr Timothy Renton, MP, 61; Lord Rippon of Hexham, QC, 69; the Duke of Rutland, 74; Mr Edward Seaga, former Prime Minister of Jamaica, 63; Mr Julian Slade, composer, 63; Sir Gordon Wolstenholme, physician, 80.

Royal Navy appointment

Rear Admiral P.C. Abbott to be promoted Vice Admiral and to be Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic in succession to Vice Admiral Sir Peter Woodhead in November 1993.

School news

Holmewood House School Scholarships and Exhibitions 1993

The following awards have been gained by pupils of Holmewood House School, Royal Tunbridge Wells:

V.J. Burnett, Scholarship, Bedgebury School; M.J.B. Brewin, Art, Eastbourne College; M.A.C. Martin, 19th Oppidan Schol. Oppidan Exhibition, Eton College; M.W. Ashkuri, Scholarship, Gordonstoun School; M. Kamana, KS, King's Canterbury; W.J.N. Tallon, KS, Music, King's Canterbury; R.G.R. Pollock, Scholarship, Oundle School; A.T. Bamford, Scholarship, Sevenoaks School; R.D. Brown, Scholarship, Sevenoaks School; D.A. Chamings, Scholarship, Sevenoaks School; M. Metcalfe, Scholarship, Sevenoaks School; M. Rummey, Art, Sevenoaks School; B.C. Harding, Top Scholarship, Tonbridge School; M.J. Banes, 9th Scholarship, Tonbridge School; C.J. Sleeman, 10th Scholarship, Tonbridge School; J.D. Brown, Exhibition, Tonbridge School; E.W. Caesar, Exhibition, Wellington College; P.G. Lockley, Top Scholarship, Winchester College; A.L. Hannan, 10th Scholarship, Winchester College.

Stonyhurst College

Stonyhurst College has awarded the following scholarships:

Academic Scholarships

Stonyhurst Association Scholarship & Sharples Mathematics Prize: Achyut Valluri, St Mary's Hall.

Major Scholarships: Andrew Rugeroni, Stonyhurst and St John's Beaumont; Andrew Smith, St Mary's Hall; John Moriarty, St Mary's Hall; Christopher Daniel, St John's Beaumont.

Scholarships: Richard Paul, St John's Beaumont; Jerrold Cheam, St John's Beaumont; Brian O'Neill, St John's Beaumont; Richard Semple, St John's Beaumont; Oliver Donaghy, St Mary's Hall.

Anderton Scholarship: James Ashworth, St Martin's Nawton.

Edwards Scholarship: Joseph Sharples, St Mary's Hall.

Music Awards

Scholarship: John Radford, St John's Beaumont.

Minor Scholarship: Timothy Sacklin, Buckfast Abbey School and Stonyhurst.

Exhibition: Brian O'Neill, St John's Beaumont.

Wycliffe College, Gloucestershire

The Headmaster, Mr Anthony Millard, has pleasure in announcing the following Awards for September 1993:

Sixth Form Awards

Academic Scholarships: Elizabeth Pott, St Clare's Convent School; Jacqueline Strong, Cirencester Deer Park School; Anna Collenette, Fishguard High School.

Music Scholarship: Jacqueline Strong, Cirencester Deer Park School.

Music Exhibition: Stephanie Urquhart, Sir William Romney's Community School.

Edwards Scholarship: Danika Hill, Wycliffe College.

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Academic Scholarships: Peter Hill, Annabel Howard, Sophie Lambert, Helen Martin, Jennifer Wicks, Wycliffe College Junior School.

Music Scholarships: Christopher Barton, Wynstones School; Jessica Green, Wycliffe College Junior School.

Music Exhibitions: Sophie Lambert, Catherine Russell, Wycliffe College Junior School.

Art Exhibitions: Jennifer Thomas, Tockington Manor School; Claire Smith, Wycliffe College Junior School.

Pearson Bursary: Alexander Stait, St Peter's RC School.

The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators held its Annual General Meeting at Church House, Westminster, London, SW1, on May 27, 1993. The meeting was addressed by the outgoing Chairman, Margaret Rutherford, and the Honorary Treasurer, Mr Arthur D. Harverd. Mr Bruce Harris took office as Chairman for 1993-94 and Mr Geoffrey M. Beresford Hartwell took office as a Vice President. The other Vice Presidents are Mr John H.M. Sims, Mr Brian Green and the Hon Mr Justice N. Kaplan (Overseas Vice President).

City of London Solicitors' Company

The following have been elected officers of the City of London Solicitors' Company for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr Alderman Christopher Walford; Senior Warden, Mr Harvey Crush; Junior Warden, Mr Stuart Beare.

Service dinner

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General Sir Michael Wilkes, Colonel Commandant, Honourable Artillery Company, attended the active officers' dinner held last night at Armoury House. Lieutenant-Colonel O.J. Wingate, Commanding Officer, presided. Among others present were:

General Sir Peter Inge, General Sir Richard Trant, Lieutenant-General Sir Jeremy Mackenzie, Lieutenant-General the Hon William Rous, Major-General R J S Corbett, Major-General G S Hollands, Major-General H W R Pike, Major-General M T Tennant and Major-General C Tyler.

Royal College of Pathologists

Among 151 new members admitted to the College are five Honorary Fellows:

Lord Walton of Detchant, Dr Jonathan Miller, Professor Wataru Mori, Dr Jean Shanks, Professor Lewis Thomas.

Election

Professor Alastair John Bellingham has been elected president of the Royal College of Pathologists, succeeding Professor P.J. Lachmann.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr R.J. Antcliff and Miss S.K.J. Banwell

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Dr and Mrs Tony Antcliff, of Great Bardfield, Essex, and Sally, daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Banwell, of East Hanney, Oxfordshire.

Captain G.A.C. Bassett and Miss B.J. Gillingham

The engagement is announced between Captain Giles Bassett, MVO, son of Mr and Mrs John Bassett, of London, and Beth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Gillingham, of Seer Green, Buckinghamshire.

Mr T.A. Calvert and Miss T.M.C. Dunne

The engagement is announced between Tom, younger son of Mr and Mrs D.J. Calvert, of Wetmore, Shropshire, and Tilly, daughter of Mr Michael Dunne, of London, and the Hon Mrs Christopher Daniell, of Herefordshire.

Mr M.J. Evans and Miss J.L. Morell

The engagement is announced between Melvyn, son of Mr and Mrs J.T. Evans, of Fishguard, Dyfed, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.H. Morell, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

Mr E.C. Funnell and Miss J.M. Zisman

The engagement is announced between Edward, eldest son of Dr Victor Funnell and the late Mrs Funnell, of Fairlight, East Sussex, and Jennifer, youngest daughter of the late Professor and Mrs Leslie Zisman, formerly of Richmond, Surrey.

Mr S.G. Gamble and Miss K.U. Wagner

The engagement is announced between Steven Guy, eldest son of Mr and Mrs P.G. Gamble, of Harare and Edinburgh, and Kathrin Ulrike, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W.E. Wagner, of Preston Deanery, Northamptonshire.

Mr J.M.H. Moir and Miss L.M. Milner

The engagement is announced between Marcus, elder son of Mr and Mrs I.J. Moir, of Ford, Shropshire, and Lucy, younger daughter of the late Major K. Milner, RE, and of Mrs Patricia Milner, of St John's Wood, London.

Mr G.E. Yeatman and Miss A.L. Rogers

The engagement is announced between Graham, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Yeatman, of Corfe Mullen, Dorset, and Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Rodney Rogers, of Highcliffe, Dorset.

Mr J.A. Harvey and Miss C.C. Greenhow

The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr E.T. Harvey, of Sultanate of Oman, and Mrs M. Harvey, of Caerau, Mid Glamorgan, and Camilla, younger daughter of Squadron Leader and Mrs N. Greenhow, of Marlborough, Wiltshire.

Mr M.R. Wakeford and Miss J.B. Stannage

The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Robert Wakeford, of Staverton, Northamptonshire, and Belinda, elder daughter of Mr Robert Stannage and the late Mrs Stannage, of Battersea, London.

Dr D.S. Watson and Miss J.A. McBrien

The engagement is announced between David Selby, son of Mr Michael Watson, Tewin Wood, and Mrs Barbara Watson, Highgate, London, and Josephine Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael McBrien, Edinburgh.

Mr C.A.A. Whitefoord and Miss S.J. Hill

The engagement is announced between Charles, son of the late Mr Anthony Whitefoord and of Mrs Anne Whitefoord, of Dulnain Bridge, Inverness-shire, and Susanna Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Hill, of Ufton, Warwickshire.

Marriages

Mr S.J.F. Morley and Miss V.C.H. Whitbread

The marriage took place on Saturday, May 22, at the Church of All Saints, Southill, between Mr Sebastian Morley, younger son of Mr Jonathan Morley, of Westerdale, North Yorkshire, and of the Hon Mrs Smallwood, of The Vineyard, London, and Miss Victoria Whitbread, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Sam Whitbread, of Southill Park, Bedfordshire. The Bishop of Bedford, the Right Rev David Farmbrough, officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Eleanor Smallwood, Katie Fremantle, Sophie Egar, Emma de Sales la Terriere, Bill and Henry Morley and George Bevan. Mr Toby Keswick was best man.

A reception was held at Southill and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr P.H. de Rougemont and Mrs F.C. Cox

The marriage took place on Friday, May 21, 1993, in Alderney, Channel Islands of Peter de Rougemont to Francesca Cox.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: William Pitt the Younger, Prime Minister 1783-1801 and 1804-06, Hayes, Kent, 1759; Thomas Moore, poet, Dublin, 1779; Jean Louis Agassiz, naturalist, Motier, Switzerland, 1807; Edvard Benes, President of Czechoslovakia 1935-48, Kozlány, 1884; Ian Fleming, novelist, creator of James Bond, London, 1908.

DEATHS: Luigi Boccherini, composer, Madrid, 1805; Henry Dundas, 1st Viscount Melville, statesman, Edinburgh, 1811; Noah Webster, lexicographer, New Haven, Connecticut, 1843; John Russell, 1st Earl Russell, Prime Minister 1846-52 and 1865-66, Richmond, Surrey, 1878; Sir George Grove, engineer and founder of the music dictionary bearing his name, London, 1900; John Lubbock, 1st Baron psychiatrist, Aberdeen, 1937; the Duke of Windsor, sometime King Edward VIII, reigned January 20, 1936 to December 11, 1936, Paris, 1972; Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski, Primate of Poland 1949-81, Warsaw, 1981; Eric Morecambe, comedian, Tewkesbury, 1984.

The Spanish Armada set sail from Lisbon to invade England, 1588.

Latest wills

Dr Magnus Alfred **Pyke**, of London SW15, the nutrition expert and television presenter, left estate valued at £504,478 net.

Lady Mary Rachel **Pepys**, of Arundel, West Sussex, Lady-in-Waiting to Princess Marina, Duchess of Kent, 1943-68, left estate valued at £249,458.
She left £500 to Arundel Cathedral, for charitable purposes.

Mr Vernon **Towle**, of Walton on the Wolds, Leicestershire, farmer, left estate valued at £746,666 net.
He left £1,900, his home and effects and his share of his farming business and land to personal legatees, £1,000 to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Association, £250 to the Loughborough Association for the Prosecution of Felons, £200 each to Walton on the Wolds Cricket Club and Walton on the Wolds Village Hall, and half the residue to purchase a guide dog to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association and the balance to the RNIB, and half the residue to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

Recent wills include (net before tax paid):

Mr Frank Charles Layfield **Broadribb**, of Buntingford, Hertfordshire .... £1,017,670.
Mrs Freda Mabel **Bridgman**, of Dorchester, Dorset .... £1,836,785.
Mr Peter Wilford **Dunn**, of London SW3 .... £792,902.
Mrs Pearl Atkinson **Jones**, of Deganwy, Gwynedd .... £830,434.
Mrs Maria Bertha Elizabeth **Klein**, of London W14 .... £705,370.

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BIRTHS

BOWEN - (Watkins). On May 24th at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, a daughter to Jessamy and Jim, granddaughter to Colin and Sarah Watkins of Milland, West Sussex and to Graham and Jessie Bowen of Wooroloo, Western Australia.

BUYS - On May 22nd, to Susan (née Service) and William, a daughter.

CHALLEN - On April 18th, to Carol (née Ross) and Michael, a beautiful daughter, Celia Constance, a sister for Matthew and Charlotte.

COLFOX - To Philip and Julia identical twin daughters, Alice and Lilly 25th May 1993. All three doing well.

CRAWFORD - On May 22nd to Elizabeth and James, a son Andrew George Mansell.

EAST - On May 22nd, to Amanda (née Greening) and Warren, a son, Jonathan David, a brother for Rebecca and Elizabeth.

EDWARDS - On May 26th at Singleton Hospital, Swansea, to Portia and Jonathan, a daughter, Molly-Sian. Many thanks to hospital staff.

GRAY - On May 24th at Queen Charlotte's to Annabel (née Ludovici) and Ashley, a daughter, Lily Lana Patricia.

HALKES - On May 19th at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, to Lyn (née Read) and Nigel, a daughter, Holly Frances.

HICKMAN CASEY - On May 26th, to Katie (née Graham Brown) and Julian, a son, Thomas Aquinas William, a brother for Edward.

LENDRUM - On May 25th at The Portland Hospital, to Fulvia (née Terzaghi) and Rupert, a daughter, Alessia, a sister for Fabio.

MATTERSON - On May 24th at St George's Hospital, Tooting, to Camilla and Dominic, a son, Patrick, a brother for Jack.

PHILLIPS - On 24th May at home, to Claire (née Haggard) and Rory, a son, Edward Tristram.

TURNBULL/CLEGG - On 26th May at The Portland Hospital, to Jack and Janet, a beautiful son, Alexander John Norris.

DEATHS

ADAM - Robin Wilson, aged 70, much loved and loving husband of Marion, peacefully in hospital on May 27th. No flowers please, but donations if desired to The Imperial Cancer Research Fund. Arrangements for the funeral expected to be at St Columbas, Pont Street, London, on Thursday June 3rd, will be confirmed in this paper on Tuesday.

BAKER - On May 26th 1993 at St Thomas' Hospital, Delia. Much loved mother of Jeremy and Lawrence. Funeral Service to take place at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Essendon, Herts. Flowers welcome or donations may be made to the Lane-Fox Respiratory Unit at St Thomas' Hospital, Lambeth.

BOWATER - On 27th May, peacefully in her sleep at home, Constance Helton, aged 93, widow of Sir Noel Bowater, Bt., much loved by all who knew her. Funeral Service at St Winifred's Church, Manaton, Devon, on Thursday 3rd June at 2.30pm. No flowers Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research.

CARPENTER - Rt Rev Harry James, formerly Bishop of Oxford, and previously Warden of Keble College, Oxford, on 24th May aged 91. Requiem Eucharist in All Saints Convent Chapel, St Mary's Road, Oxford, at 11am on Monday 7th June, followed by cremation. Family flowers only, please; donations to St John's Home (same address). Memorial Service to be announced.

CARSON - On May 27th in Sheffield, James Carson (Kaki) M.D., F.R.C.P., of Baslow. Dear husband of Betty and stepfather of Angela and Tom. Service at St Anne's Church, Baslow, Monday June 7th at 10am and at City Road Crematorium, Sheffield 11.30am. Family flowers only please. Donations payable to Hope Valley Branch, Multiple Sclerosis Society, may be sent to John Heath and Sons, Funeral Directors, Sheffield.

DEATHS

CHOLMONDELEY - On May 26th 1993, peacefully at the Radbrook Nursing Home, Shrewsbury, Violet Maud aged 100 years. Wife of the late Brigadier General Hugh Cholmondeley and much loved mother of Essex Pinney. Funeral private. Service of Thanksgiving to be announced.

DAVIS - On 27th May at King Edward VII Hospital, Sir John Davis C.V.O. Funeral details will be available from Leverton & Sons (071) 387-6075.

FUGGLES-COUCHMAN - On May 25th 1993, suddenly at home in Broughton, Hampshire, Norman Ralph (Robin) aged 86 years. A much loved husband, father and grandfather. Cremation private. Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church, Broughton, on Wednesday June 9th at 11.30 am. Flowers may be sent to A.H. Cheater, Funeral Directors, Romsey.

HAMILTON - On 24th May 1993, Yvonne, widow of Hamish Hamilton and much loved mother of Alastair. Funeral Mass Thursday 3rd June 10 am at St Mary of the Angels, Moorhouse Road, London W2. No flowers please. Donations if desired to Oxfam.

HERNER - Laurence Alexander, unexpectedly on 20th May 1993. Much loved by Gillian and James, Sarah and Richard, Rufus, Millie and his grandparents Tilly and Lazar. Thanksgiving Service at Harrow School Chapel on Sunday 27th June at 4 pm.

KER-SEYMER - (Islington). On May 25th, aged 88 years, Barbara. Funeral Service on Wednesday 2nd June in Putney Vale Crematorium at 3 pm. Funeral arrangements by E. Larner, 246 Upper Richmond Road, Putney, tel: (081) 788-2942.

LONG - On 27th May 1993, Muriel Annie (née Harper) aged 86 years, wife of the late Sir Ronald Long. Funeral at St Andrew's Church, Halstead, Essex, on Wednesday June 2nd at 12 noon. Flowers to H. Darke at 51 Alexandra Road, Sible Hedingham, Halstead, Essex CO9 3NE.

MILBURN - On 24th May 1993 after a short illness, Michael aged 70 of Lanreath. Retired Lieutenant Commander RN. Much loved partner, husband, father and grandfather. Memorial Service to be announced.

NATION - On 27th May, peacefully in the Cambridge Military Hospital, Aldershot, Christine, much loved wife of Douglas, after a long illness bravely borne. Lovingly remembered by all her family and friends. Cremation private. No letters please.

PAGE - On 25th May 1993, Brian aged 53 years, much loved husband and father. Funeral Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Tuesday 1st June at 11 am. Family flowers only, donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

PAULL - Lilian Gertrude (Billie) daughter of Lavina (née Finch) deceased and Wallace Henry deceased on 11th May 1993, beloved Auntie of Patricia Kennedy-Ripon (née Hanman) and Grand-Auntie of Michael, Peter, Edward, Thomas, Frances, Catherine and Great Grand-Auntie of Todd, Claude and Eamon, Louis and Alexander all of Melbourne, Australia.

PLAYFOOT - Zoe Ann, on Tuesday May 25th after a valiant battle, so bravely fought, the dearly loved younger daughter of Jon and Trudy, very special sister to Kerry and Richard and dear love of Steve, died peacefully at her family home, Lansdowne Avenue, Codsall, Wolverhampton. Funeral Service Bushbury Crematorium, Wolverhampton, on Wednesday June 2nd at 3.30pm. Family flowers only please, donations to Compton Hospice, Wolverhampton, for the tremendous support would be appreciated.

PRATT - On May 25th 1993, peacefully after a long illness bravely borne, Ursula, beloved wife of Roddy, adored mother of Adrian and Zara. Funeral Service at St Albans Church, Frant, Sussex, on Thursday June 3rd at 12 noon for family and close friends. All letters to Adrian or Zara. Memorial Service to be announced later.

SIMSON von - On May 23rd 1993, Otto Georg von Simson, husband of Marie-Anne, Altgräfin zu Salm Reifferscheidt, father of Ernst Martin and John von Simson, suddenly in Berlin. Requiem Mass 15th June, 12 noon at St Bernhard, Königin-Luise-Strasse 33, Berlin-Dahlem. Family flowers only please.

SMELLIE - On May 27th, Marie Louise, widow of Bill Smellie F.R.C.S. Loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral private. Family flowers only.

TAYLER - On May 27th in hospital, Charles Latimer Tayler aged 81 of Kings Somborne, Hampshire, beloved husband of Elizabeth, dear father of Jane, Robert and Kate and a much loved grandfather. Funeral Service at Kings Somborne Parish Church on Friday June 4th at 11 am. Flowers or donations, if desired, for the N.S.P.C.C. to Jno. Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester.

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SHILLING - Ronald, beloved father of David, adored husband of Gertrude. A year nearer our reunion darling.

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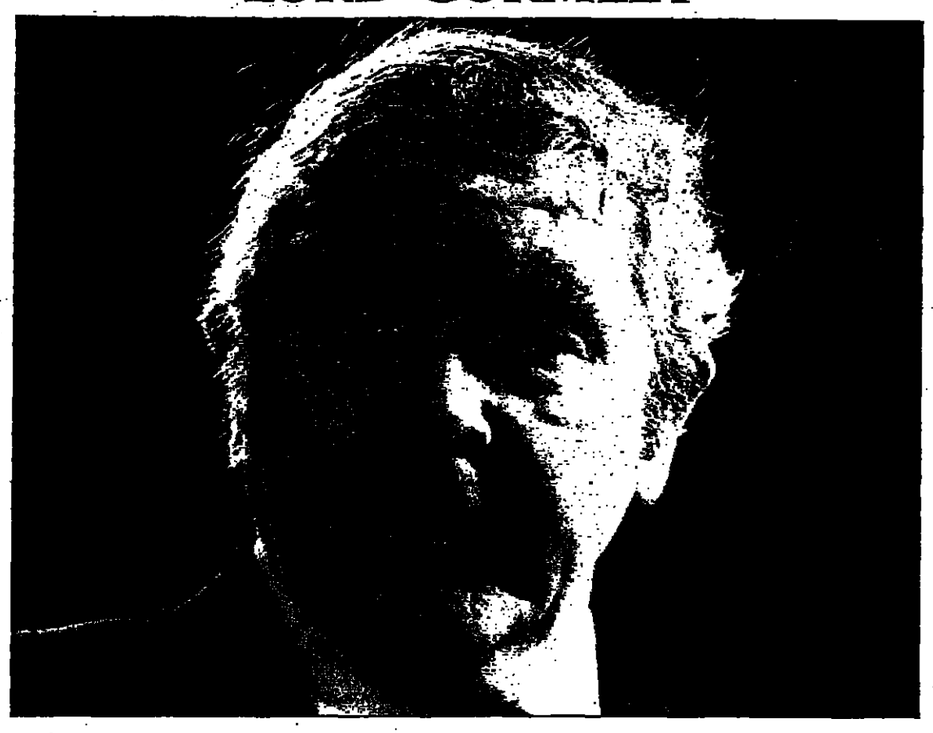
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OBITUARIES

LORD GORMLEY

Lord Gormley, OBE, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, 1971-82, died yesterday aged 75. He was born in the Lancashire pit town of Ashton-in-Makerfield on July 5, 1917.



JOE GORMLEY, the miner's blunt-spoken champion was a moderate by nature but was forced by circumstances to lead the National Union of Mineworkers in two big strikes that shook the country. The first, in 1972, saw the strategy of "flying pickets" — later outlawed — brought to perfection. The second, in 1974, led indirectly to the fall of the Conservative government headed by Edward Heath.

Often caricatured as "the battered *cherub*" (a description from which he took the title of his successful autobiography), Gormley was a much-loved figure in the coal industry and the wider trade union movement. He retained the respect of his members right to the end of an 11-year tenure of office at the top of Britain's toughest union. Behind the bluff, hearty exterior, however, was a calculating brain and a brisk appetite for hand-to-hand fighting in the strongly political world of the NUM national executive. "I'm not a very pleasant gentleman when the chips are down, and I know how to put the boot in as well as anybody," he wrote in the story of his life.

Gormley came from a mining family, and followed his father underground at the age of 14 after leaving St Oswald's Roman Catholic School. He later recalled that as he collected his first wage, his father told him to pay threepence contribution to the Miners' Federation of Lancashire — a forerunner of the NUM. He worked in 11 different collieries as a face-worker for 28 years before winning full-time office as secretary of the Lancashire miners in 1961, beating a left-wing candidate for the job. "I have been an anti-communist all my working life," he said upon retirement.

His first years in the movement were mainly marked by an interest in political rather than trade union work, though he sharpened his negotiation skills in the days when piecework bargaining still prevailed. He became a Labour councillor in his early twenties and was elected to the party's national executive in 1963, remaining on that body for two years after winning the NUM national presidency.

Gormley's career really took shape in 1958, when he was elected to the NUM national executive while still a working miner at Bold colliery, near Wigan. The union leadership was (and still is) traditionally dominated by the full-time coalfield "barons", but he was formidable enough among the dominant moderate majority on the executive to capture the nomination of the right for the general secretaryship in 1968.

He was beaten in this contest, but his second chance came in 1971 when Sir Sidney Ford, veteran right-wing president of the NUM, had to retire prematurely. This time Gormley promised the miners he would fight to make them "the highest-paid industrial workers in Britain." In a two-horse race with the Scottish area president, Mick McGahey, he was an easy winner.

Gormley became president just in time to take the chair at the NUM's policy-making conference at Aberdeen in July 1971, which was a watershed in the union's history. At the conference, delegates voted to change union rules so that the majority for strike action required in a secret pithead ballot was reduced from 66 per cent to 55 per cent; and this led, six months later, to the first national pit strike since 1926, because the miners voted by 59 per cent to endorse industrial action.

Gormley did not want a strike, and used all his formidable powers of diplomacy and negotiation to avoid one. But, once launched upon the path of confrontation, he was determined to win. The miners did win after seven savage weeks in which Gormley ordered the blockading by pickets of all power stations and fuel dumps, a tactic that produced widespread power cuts.

The next big upheaval came after secret negotiations in the garden of 10 Downing Street and a West End hotel, and marked the high-point of trade union power in postwar Britain. After a long overtime ban, the miners struck again in February 1974, leading to the establishment of the "three-day week".

When a general election was finally called, Gormley feared that the Tories would be returned with a thumping majority in a "who rules?" poll. But he was still unsuccessful in getting his executive to call off the strike.

His prophecy proved wrong, but for the duration of the 1974-79 Labour government he delivered the miners' backing for wage restraint under the TUC-Labour "social contract". He also negotiated with the government the expansionist *Plan for Coal* which pumped investment into the industry and slowed down the rate of job losses.

His other major achievement in those years was the introduction of locally-based incentive bonus schemes which repaid higher output with higher earnings. This reform, bitterly contested up to the Court of Appeal by his militant rivals, shifted the NUM's bargaining emphasis away from the annual pay battle, which he believed was detrimental to the industry's long-term future. It also kept the miners at the top of the industrial wages league. Productivity rose sharply and absenteeism fell.

But over-production then became the major problem in the industry. With coal stocks growing, the first Thatcher government sought first to phase out operating subsidies to the industry, and then to accelerate the closure of uneconomic pits.

Miners in the traditionally militant coal fields began an unofficial "rolling" strike in February 1981 over the Coal Board's plan to shut 23 pits, but Gormley headed off an official national stoppage by negotiating £300 million in extra state subsidies. The government gave in to the miners within a matter of days, enhancing Gormley's position.

By this date the competition to succeed Gormley had already begun, and attention switched rapidly to Arthur Scargill. The ruling moderate faction was in disarray. At a meeting in Gormley's home in London in late 1980 the right wing could not agree on a single candidate to oppose the left, and Gormley despaired of finding a strong successor from among their number.

In fact, despite their obvious political differences, Gormley saw something of his own head-strong personality in Scargill, and did not discourage his presidential ambitions. He argued privately that the cares of office would diminish Scargill's revolutionary fervour.

In his last few years, Gormley became more isolated from his traditional followers on the union executive, but retained his popularity among the men. A *Daily Express* article he wrote just before he retired in April 1982, was widely credited with swinging a pithead vote against striking.

He also allowed his love of the turf freer rein in his declining years. He became a director of United Racecourses and in his pork-pie hat was a familiar figure at Epsom and Kempton. He refused a knighthood from a Labour government but accepted a life peerage as Lord Gormley of Ashton-in-Makerfield. He was appointed a governor of the BBC, but did not take up the post after it was discovered that he was appearing in a chocolate advertisement on the other channel.

Gormley was awarded the OBE in 1969 and created a life peer in 1982.

His lively, if partisan and self-justifying, autobiography *Battered Cherub*, was published in 1982 and made the best-seller list. The following year, in a speech in the House of Lords, he urged the government to bring back the three-day week saying that in the winter of 1973-74 it had been "the finest period we ever had for productivity." Later that year he suffered two strokes, which affected his speech and left him partially paralysed, and he also underwent major heart surgery. In 1986 Gormley and his wife Nellie sold their home in Sunbury, West London, and returned to the North, settling in a bungalow near Wigan. Gormley is survived by his wife, whom he married in 1937, a son and a daughter.

JACK GOULD

John Ludlow Gould, television and radio critic for *The New York Times*, died in Concord, California, on May 24 aged 79. He was born in New York City on February 5, 1914.



JACK GOULD, as he was always known, was a perpetual thorn in the side of the television industry, fighting against its tendency to mindless mass culture. As television and radio critic for *The New York Times*, he exerted a powerful influence on American television during its formative years.

Always sceptical and often moralistic, his reviews took no prisoners when programmes failed to live up to his perceived standards. But when they did, he could be equally generous, heaping praise on such broadcasts as Edward R. Murrow's indictment of Senator Joseph McCarthy and the 1971 *Selling of the Pentagon* by Peter Davis. In broadcasting circles he became known as "the conscience of the industry" — a title he disliked intensely.

Gould was born into a prominent New York family, and even enjoyed a listing in the Social Register, though his habitual sloppy dress and unashamed liberalism made him one of the city's more unusual socialites. Eschewing a university education, he began work as a copy boy on the *New York Herald Tribune* at the age of 18, and moved to the drama department of *The New York Times* in 1937. There, he wrote about plays, films and night clubs, and covered the radio industry in the early 1940s.

In 1944, Gould became the paper's radio and television editor and critic, a post he was to hold, with one short break, until 1972. But he was also an active reporter, deeply informed about the business, advertising and technical aspects of the industry as well as the quality of its programming.

Operating from his home on Long Island Sound, armed with a short-wave radio, two telephones, a small black book of unlisted numbers and a typewriter, he broke one exclusive story after another. Quiz-show scandals, news of station licensing, plans for new shows, and attacks on the timidity of sponsors, flowed in a steady stream.

Gould himself rated his finest achievement as his attack on the networks during the Suez crisis of 1956, when he savaged them for running game shows instead of broadcasting the proceedings of the United Nations Security Council. As a result, the networks put the proceedings on the air.

His ethical standards were high. In the 1950s, in the wake of his exposure of the game-show scandals, he attacked his fellow reporters for hypocrisy in accepting Christmas gifts and other presents from news sources. Several news organisation promptly tightened their rules.

As a critic, however, Gould was far from infallible. His review of the debut of the *Today* show ridiculed a programme destined to become one of the most popular and enduring pillars of American television, and he was less than enthusiastic about the premieres of several other shows that subsequently became classics.

For a brief period in the 1960s, Gould was tempted away from *The New York Times* and became a television executive with CBS. But the role of poacher turned gamekeeper caused him profound unease, and soon he was back in his old job.

Jack Gould was widowed in 1991. He is survived by three sons.

REGINALD VOYSEY

Reginald George Voysey, deputy director of the National Physical Laboratory, 1970-77, died from Parkinson's Disease on May 7 aged 76. He was born on May 26, 1916.

REGINALD VOYSEY was a gifted mechanical engineer who played a leading part in Sir Frank Whittle's jet engine team between 1940 and 1946. He made major contributions to the solution to several of the mechanical problems which arose in the development of this radically new type of prime mover.

Later in his career, during the 1950s, he was a senior member of the Ministry of Fuel and Power development team. After this he served as science counsellor at the British Embassy in Washington and then as deputy director of the National Physical Laboratory at Teddington.

Voysey received his early education at the Royal Dockyard School, Portsmouth, from where he won a Whitworth Scholarship to Imperial College, London. Soon after graduation he was recruited by Power Jets, the private company which had been formed to develop Frank Whittle's jet engine.

One of Voysey's first jobs was to look into the possibility of developing a cartridge starter for the engine. For this, he needed slow-burning cordite which he prepared in an improvised laboratory immediately below Whittle's office.

Fortunately, nothing went wrong with these exciting experiments, which were an example of the rudimentary conditions under which the Whittle engine was developed in its early stages.

As more facilities became available at the small Power Jets factory in Lutterworth, Leicestershire, Voysey played an increasingly important part in the development of testing procedures for components of the engine.

When cracks appeared in the high-speed impellor of one of the early engines, Voysey imaginatively excited the various possible modes of vibration on a sample impellor, using a violin bow. This led to a much deeper understanding of the problems, and ultimately to its complete solution.

Voysey was one of a group of engineers in their early twenties whom Whittle recruited: he always claimed that he would much prefer to have a young engineer of high intellect rather than an older, more experienced man, who was set in his ways and less likely to approach a problem from fundamental principles.

When the Power Jets team broke up after the company's nationalisation, Voysey became manager of the gas turbine department with C. A. Parsons in Newcastle, but after three years he moved to become Engineering Assistant to the Chief Scientist of the Ministry of Fuel and Power. He remained in the post for 18 years.

Here, he played a leading part in the development of a series of postwar gas turbine development projects instigated by Sir Harold Roxbee Cox, now Lord Kings Norton.

After attending the Imperial Defence College's senior course in 1963 Voysey was appointed scientific counsellor to the British embassy, and director of the UK scientific mission in Washington in 1966.

He spent three very productive years in this important post. At that time his appointment was closely related to the formation of the new Ministry of Technology and the emphasis on technology transfer from the United States and the productive management of research programmes.

He returned to the United Kingdom to become a chief scientific officer and deputy director of the National Physical Laboratory from 1970 until his retirement in 1977. His prime responsibility was for the measurement group.

In 1975 he was elected president of the Whitworth Society and during his tenure of office was much concerned with the role of engineers in society and was influential in the preparation of a report on the subject.

Reginald Voysey married Laidley Barley in 1943 by whom he had two sons (one deceased) and three daughters. His wife predeceased him in 1987.

FIELD-MARSHAL K. M. CARIAPPA

Field-Marshal K. M. Cariappa, former Chief of Staff, Indian Army, died in Bangalore on May 15 aged 93. He was born in Sanivarasan, Karnataka, India, on January 28, 1900.



UNLIKE the Army in Pakistan, the Indian Army has never interfered in politics. Through all the country's political crises it has stood firmly on the sidelines, refusing to involve itself even when the constitution itself was claimed to be under threat.

That it should have this enviable record is at least partly the achievement of one man. Certainly, no one worked harder than Konandera Madappa Cariappa to ensure that the Republic enjoyed the services of a professional army in no way interested in taking sides politically and more than able to resist the temptations of a coup d'état.

Cariappa's remarkable military career began in December 1919, when he was commissioned into the British Indian Army. He had many firsts to his credit. He was the first Indian officer to graduate from Military Staff College, Quetta (now in Pakistan). He was the first Indian to hold the rank of lieutenant-colonel — in 1942 — and, five years later, after the departure of the British from India, he was the first and only Commander-in-Chief of the Indian armed forces.

Indirectly, it was even due to him that this post was abolished. Because of his own strained relations with Pandit Nehru, a plan was devised after his retirement for the three wings of the defence forces to have in future their own independent chiefs with equal status. The motive in Nehru's mind, with which Cariappa would not have quarrelled, was to reduce the danger of a takeover by a single military adventurer.

The birth of Konandera Cariappa in Sanivarasan, a coffee and honey-rich district in Karnataka, was celebrated with rifle shots by his school teacher father.

After his education at Presidency College, Madras, Cariappa was commissioned into the Carnatic Infantry and within four months he was sent to Mesopotamia with Napiers Rifles to quell the Arab rebellion. In 1928-29, he served Viceroy Lord Irwin as his military ADC and during the second world war he served with distinction in Iraq, Syria and Iran. In 1943-44, as a lieutenant-colonel, Cariappa was sent to Burma, where fighting against the Japanese was his toughest military lesson.

As India approached independence, Cariappa, by now a brigadier and one of the most senior Indian officers, had the responsibility of developing a professional army. As a member of the Army Re-organisation Committee he visited Imperial Defence College, London, and then the United States and Canada.

In 1949 when the British handed over the charge of the Indian Army, Cariappa, with the rank of general, took over as Indian Commander-in-Chief from the British Commander-in-Chief, General Sir Roy Boucher.

One of his prime concerns was to keep the Indian Army away from politics, a difficult task at a time when as a result of partition, India was burning in sectarian violence. Punjab, with its strong military tradition, had seen the worst massacres between Sikhs and Muslims and to clean the army of sectarian passions, at a time when many family members of the soldiers had lost their lives, was not an easy matter.

After his retirement in 1952, Cariappa served as India's High Commissioner in Australia and New Zealand and then, as founder of the Indian Ex-Servicemen League, he devoted his life to the welfare of soldiers.

In 1971, he lost the only battle in his life, when he fought an unsuccessful parliamentary election in Bombay.

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The Queen Mary, as became a British liner, sailed from Southampton this afternoon on her maiden voyage to New York exactly at her scheduled hour of departure. Thousands of people, gathered in two quaysides and on the roofs of buildings, waved and shouted greetings as six powerful tugs pulled the great ship out of the dock, and the band of the Royal Marines from Portsmouth played "Rule, Britannia".

Twenty minutes later, when the vessel had been swung round outside the entrance to her berth and began to move slowly down Southampton Water, the sirens of many boats both large and small blared a farewell, and excursion steamers, yachts, speed boats, and other craft intent on forming an escort for the journey to Spithead manoeuvred for positions in a strangely mixed procession. The main impression of the leaving of the Queen Mary, however, was one of the majestic dignity of the ship herself.

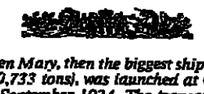
The Queen Mary naturally carries with her on her first routine voyage the high hopes of Southampton as well of the Clyde. Official reticence has done little to lessen anticipation that when the ship reaches New York she will have regained for Great Britain the blue ribbon of the North Atlantic, so long held by the Mauretania, but now in the keeping of the French liner Normandie, which on her first trip almost a year ago crossed from the Bishop's Rock to the Ambrose Channel lightvessel, New York, in four days, three hours and 14 minutes . . .

On board the Queen Mary a quiet morning was succeeded by activity and animation when the trains began to arrive from Waterloo with the 2,000 passengers who were to embark for the voyage. At 4 o'clock two of the three gangways were removed and the passengers, who, with the crew, then had the liner to themselves, crowded to the rails and windows of the upper decks to await the start. There was a curious absence of demonstrative excitement. A few minutes before 4.30 the Blue Peter at a mast head was replaced by the Stars and Stripes. A large Blue Ensign hung at the stern of the ship. Then the final gangway was lowered, the last hawsers were cast off, and those who glanced at watches as the gap between ship and quay almost imperceptibly widened noted that the hour was 4.32.

The Queen Mary, a finished ship, was moving out as the Flying Scotsman daily leaves King's Cross—on time. There was a fluttering of handkerchiefs and waving of hats and the band played "Rule, Britannia", which was followed by a collection of sea-songs and "Auld Lang Syne". Smoke in darker volumes rose from the giant funnel. The liner moved slowly stern first to the dock entrance, and there began to turn. Two tugs, gay with flags, pushed forward to pull the bows of the ship round. Another tug nuzzled against her side to help. The Marines repeated "Rule, Britannia", and it was seen that the liner was moving under her own steam . . .

ON THIS DAY

May 28 1936



The Queen Mary, then the biggest ship in the world (80,733 tons), was launched at Clydebank in September 1934. The transatlantic crossing was advertised at prices "from £37 5s". Her last voyage was in 1967.

Restoring the broken heart

Money cannot transform decaying urban areas without community support, **David Young** writes

The final touches are being put to the Urban Regeneration Agency just as the final touches are being put to many of the new schemes that have emerged over the past two or three years under government sponsorship to revitalise inner-city areas.

The agency (URA) will shortly clear its final parliamentary hurdle. The search for its chief executive is drawing to a close and a site will shortly be chosen for its staff.

The URA, whose chairman designate is Lord Walker of Worcester, a former Secretary of State for Wales, will then take responsibility for two of the main elements of the government programme for urban regeneration: Derelict Land Grant, which, over the past four years, has funded the rejuvenation of 10,000 acres, much of it previously owned by local authorities; and City Grant, which has helped to persuade private investors to spend £1 billion since 1988 developing inner-city sites with projects which would not have been viable without aid.

The URA will also take over English Estates, the government organisation that helps to provide land for commercial and industrial projects in the assisted and designated development areas throughout the country. English Estates has a staff of experts in the property development business, who will form the backbone of the URA staff.

With £300 million of aid at its disposal each year, coupled with the portfolio of land that English Estates already has, the URA will be able instantly to pick up many of the projects, which local authorities have at an already advanced stage.

John Redwood, now Secretary of State for Wales, but formerly the minister responsible for urban regeneration at the environment department, sees the URA as a roving urban development corporation (UDC). Whereas UDCs can concentrate on major schemes to revitalise large areas of inner cities, the URA will be able to focus on smaller projects in partnership with local authorities and the private sector.

The involvement of private sector investment in these joint efforts is, however, the reason that Mr Redwood is confident of their success. Under the City Challenge scheme, local authorities bid for a share of the available grant aid for regenerating inner-city areas. Each scheme is examined by the environment department and the bidder given an opportunity to present their case to the minister.

Mr Redwood said: "City Challenge changes the way people look at the regeneration of their area. They realise that it cannot be done by government money alone and



Changing thinking: John Redwood

that there is more to regeneration than simply putting up new houses, new shops and new factories. City Challenge helps people realise that it is people who make regeneration successful."

Mr Redwood, who earlier this week addressed the Cities '93 conference in Birmingham on urban management and strategy, explained that urban regeneration had to be led by people seeking homes, by businesses seeking factories, by shops seeking trading opportunities.

"Great cities have never been built on government grants alone. They have been built by partnership, by leadership and by massive investment and commitment from individuals, companies and the private sector."

The ministry sees one of its main tasks, now that it has wrested cash from the Treasury, as being to improve the expenditure of public money so that it generates more private sector investment.

The ministry is developing systems within the environment department so that for each of the key inner city policies the department will know in advance how many houses will be improved or built, how much commercial floorspace will be added, how many acres of land will be reclaimed and reused, how much private sector investment will be generated, how many jobs are likely to be created, how many miles of road or rail will be built.

Mr Redwood said: "These are the hard facts of physical regeneration. People want from their city policies better housing, more jobs, better built environment and decent communications."

The ministry is also committed to winning an improvement in the quality of life for those who live in the inner city. That is why, Mr Redwood said, it is important that the local community makes a direct contribution to any plans. "We do not just want factories to locate there, we want local people to train and ready themselves for jobs. We do not just want new houses for people to rent or buy but we want a new approach to managing and looking after the neighbourhood, to cracking down on crime. Building successful cities depends on how people live in them, appreciate them, look after them and discipline their local communities.

"You will not create a successful urban area if the young teenagers are allowed to roam the streets late at night, if the parents do not care about their attitudes and violent conduct. Regeneration is about physical rejuvenation allied to winning over and changing the hearts and minds of those who are downcast about their locality."



ANTONIA REEVE

Happy communities: the Prince of Wales visits Edinburgh with members of the Urban Villages Group, which is identifying development sites

Village fit for royalty

Prince Charles' urban vision may soon reach fruition

GREENVILLE is the ideal urban village, the perfect mix of work and play on 100 acres of reclaimed land, and the answer to the Prince of Wales' dream of happy communities in an urban setting. *David Thurlow writes.*

It is an idyllic, airy place where the 5,000 inhabitants know each other by name and meet regularly while at work or in the street or in the evening. There is a feeling of community as it was in the old days. It is something that is sadly lacking, believes the prince and his increasing number of supporters, since the miserable planning in the 1950s and 1960s, when every activity was kept in tight and separate compartments.

The prince wrote in his book, *A Vision of Britain*, in 1989: "I am hoping we can encourage the development of 'urban villages' in order to reintroduce human scale, intimacy and a vibrant street life. These factors can help to restore to people their sense of belonging and pride in their own particular surroundings."

Richard Reid and Max Lyons, the architects, have designed Greenville on a partly derelict site by a canal. The village has a central square linked to a park, a shopping street and a little marketplace by a restored canal basin and warehouse. Around the square at ground level are shops, cafés and bars and a mixture of flats, offices and warehouses. The street patterns cater for cars but the emphasis is on people being able to walk everywhere and traffic is kept to the periphery, where a green fringe gives the village a clear boundary.

Sadly, the village only exists in drawings, a master plan for the future as part of the *Urban Villages Report*, which has been put together by a group of planners and developers investigating a better way for people to live.

Seven developers of the Urban Villages Group have formed a separate company, which is to undertake one or more urban village developments and are in the process of identifying possible sites. Even in a recession, which has hit builders and developers harder than most, their keenness has overcome the business difficulties.

The first new urban village could be started next year.

Wales makes an example of itself

Europe is using the principality's partnerships as a model

Wales's pioneering partnership approach to urban management is to be emulated across Europe. European Community officials in Brussels are impressed with the way Wales has been transformed over the past decade, and have selected the principality as the urban development model that the rest of the community should follow.

No longer a loss-making, low technology economy, Wales is leading the UK towards recovery. Such change has been achieved, according to David Farnsworth, the executive director of the Welsh Development Agency (WDA), by long-term planning.

He says: "The decline of our traditional industries forced us to seek new markets. To attract new businesses, we had to improve our environment and provide the requisite infrastructure. That has now been achieved: 20,000 acres of derelict land has been reclaimed, 20 million square feet of industrial property constructed and £1.5 billion worth of roads completed."

As a result, Wales has become a popular location for overseas companies. Every year it attracts at least 20 per cent of the inward investment projects coming into the UK (a significant achievement considering that Wales has only 5 per cent of the UK population), and it has the largest concentration of Japanese manufacturing companies in Europe.

But, as the Welsh Development Agency realises, if Wales is to maintain its competitive edge, its quality of life must be comparable with the best in Europe. To achieve this, the agency decided in 1990 to embark on urban regeneration. "Three ingredients are necessary for development," Mr Farnsworth says. "Pump-priming public sector finance, ideas, and effective management." He has established joint venture partnerships to manage the regeneration of 32 towns and cities by 2000.

This year, the WDA is investing £30 million on urban development, backed up by a further £36 million on land reclamation and environmental improvements. This, however, is only a fraction of the total finance being injected into towns. In Swansea, for example, where Wales's largest joint venture partnership was started this month by David Hunt, when Secretary of State for Wales, £35 million of public sector finance will attract a further £350 million from the private sector.

> Wales attracts at least 20 per cent of the inward investment projects coming into the UK

Throughout Wales, improving townscapes and developing new industrial land will result in new jobs — 2,000 are anticipated this year. In the longer term, employment should increase substantially. Swansea alone is expected to generate 10,000 new jobs when the new business parks, city centre refurbishments and the construction of a new village north of the city are completed within 15 years.

This scheme complements an earlier regeneration project in Swansea, in which one of the world's most toxic sites was converted into a business park and marina.

West of Swansea lies Llanelli, the first town to experience a joint venture partnership. Llanelli is being redesigned as a seaside market town, with a cleaner coastline, modern houses and clean industries. The town centre is being refurbished, and local retailers are joining in by investing £1.5 million on improving their shops' interiors.

Wrexham in North Wales is similarly being restored to its market town heyday. New shops and businesses are being attracted, and the final legacy of its coalmining history, the Bersham tip, which blights Wrexham's southern gateway, is to be reclaimed, releasing new land for house building.

The partnerships managing Rhyl and Holyhead are enhancing their towns' tourism potential. New attractions, such as a children's village are being sought for Rhyl, while in Holyhead the ferry terminal is being reorganised, releasing land for development.

Very different problems are being addressed at Merthyr Tydfil, which is determined to recapture its position as capital of the valleys. The partnership there wants to create 3,000 new jobs within five years, and improve retail and leisure facilities. The environment is already benefiting, as the largest land reclamation project in Europe removes Merthyr's eastern slagheaps, and opens up new green land for industry. "Each of the towns will develop in its own way," Mr Farnsworth explains. "Some will go for growth, while other, smaller renewal towns, just need a spring clean."

This year, priority will be given to establishing a plan for Cardiff so that it can compete with other European regional capitals. The city will host the Cities '94 conference.

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Japan adopts mature approach

The Japanese think long-term, not expecting returns for decades

At first glance, the British Urban Regeneration Association's (BURA) trips to report on overseas urban regeneration might seem to be a case of jollies for the boys, sending delegates halfway round the world when there is more than enough to study in the UK.

Since it was formed in 1990, BURA's aims have been to foster and promote 'best practice' in urban regeneration, providing a regular forum for discussion and action for all those involved in urban regeneration.

The most recent BURA trip, to Japan, highlights several differences between the Japanese and the British approaches to urban regeneration. Perhaps the most striking is the timescale: In the West, private funding agencies look for a quick return, the public sector tends to work in short electoral cycles and there is a general desire to see action take place immediately, with bulldozers and cranes being set to work as soon as possible.

The Japanese, however, take a much longer-term view. Projects that take between 20 and 30 years to mature are not uncommon, while banks and other lending institutions set aside "patient money" and look for returns in the long-term. Electoral considerations rarely intrude, and the continuity of the projects is maintained by the installation of senior officials.

The differences are also evident when one considers land assembly. In the UK, this is a key function for the public authorities who acquire, assemble, provide infrastructure and then either develop the land themselves or make the land available for private developers. Landowners who object can be compulsorily bought out so that sites of a suitable size and shape can be provided. The best projects often come from joint ventures.

In Japan, compulsory purchase is very rarely used because it is viewed as expropriation. Consensus is always sought, which, not surprisingly, can take a long time. Japanese landowners prefer to pool their interests into so-called unions; the redevelopment then takes place and each is allotted a share in the new development commensurate with his input. Any private development that then takes place proceeds as a separate exercise, and joint ventures are virtually unknown.

There are also marked differences when it comes to planning. To the Japanese, allowing the piecemeal development of a large site, such as London's Docklands, seems very strange indeed. The sites that BURA members saw during their visit were all planned as a whole, with the authorities prepared to wait for the appropriate development to mature. This includes such vast projects as Rokko Island at Kobe, a man-made island of 580 acres taking fill-material from the nearby Rokko mountain. What is surprising is that the astronomical price of land does not impose pressure for rapid development.

Within Europe, BURA has examined the regeneration that accompanied Barcelona's preparations for the Olympics with great interest. The lessons that the Catalan capital learnt are of significance to Manchester, which is seen as a frontrunner in the bid to host the Olympics in the year 2000, against strong competition from Peking and Sydney.

The tremendous development of the waterfront at Barcelona, which had hitherto been virtually ignored, has also provided a useful guide for the regeneration of certain areas of Manchester, particularly the canal frontage. The regeneration of Barcelona also highlights the importance of involving the entire community in these projects, and of gaining the local population's enthusiasm.

Elsewhere in Europe, urban regeneration organisations face their biggest challenge. The lifting of the Iron Curtain has allowed them to take a hard look at the cities of eastern and central Europe, and given them the opportunity to advise inexperienced indigenous agencies, which now find themselves faced with a huge range of problems.

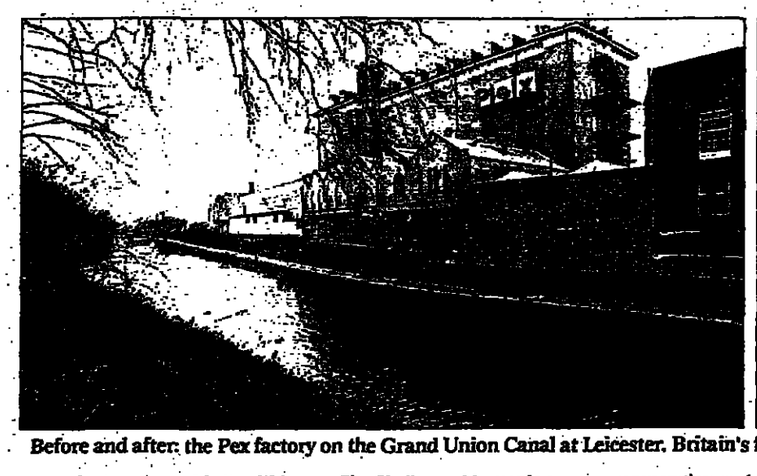
John Fenner, BURA's chairman, says: "There are great opportunities for UK expertise. So much is to be done, and I feel that there is a wide range of specialised activities that we could undertake in eastern Europe."

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A government competition has encouraged £4 billion of investment for regeneration. **David Young** reports

Cities rise to the challenge





Before and after: the Pex factory on the Grand Union Canal at Leicester. Britain's first "environment city", and an artist's impression of the area after regeneration

The government's City Challenge scheme has been such a success in the short time that it has been operating that it is one aspect of government policy that many politicians from both sides of the spectrum describe as an "I wish I had thought of that" programme.

Community groups that normally find themselves in competition have come together to design urban regeneration projects, and gain government funding to put them into practice. Even some bidders who have failed to gain government support for their programmes have been able to take the best from their proposals and bring them forward with the help of private sector funding or have been able to use their schemes to win other forms of government funding.

There were 57 submissions, each of them examined in detail by John Redwood, formerly the minister responsible for urban regeneration. The 31 approved schemes have encouraged prospective investment of more than £4 billion in total. The schemes will create 100,000 jobs and more than 70,000 new homes in areas of often severe deprivation — achieved with the help of £1,200 million of government aid.

Michael Howard, Home Secretary and formerly environment secretary, who had ultimate control over the urban regeneration programme, said: "I have spoken to long-serving Labour councillors who have been astonished by the commitment and enthusiasm that City Challenge has released. City Challenge has broken down the barriers between different groups and has already proved its worth in promoting partnership." This pragmatic approach by Labour-controlled authorities is illustrated by attitudes in the north-east.

Alan Clarke, chief economic development officer of Newcastle upon Tyne City Council, says: "Since 1977 there have been numerous central government regeneration initiatives ranging from enterprise zones, through urban development corporations and city action teams to City Challenge. Newcastle council, as a Labour-controlled local authority, has usually objected to these initiatives on political grounds, largely because of the lack of local democratic control. In reality, however, we have always responded pragmatically to ensure the maximum benefits are secured for the city and its residents. On the positive side, the government has helped to raise the profile of urban regeneration and put it clearly on the political agenda."

The council is encouraged that City Challenge restores the local authority's role, but it has been critical that some of the funding has been diverted from other schemes.

Mr Clarke says: "We welcome the fact that local authorities have been given a central part to play. The project involves the local community in a significant way from the outset, and tackles problems in a multi-disciplinary or comprehensive manner. The competitive element was good in that it brought an 'edge' to the process and encouraged closer inter-departmental working within the local authority and with other agencies. In the sense that other resources are not allocated on the basis of need, the competitive element can be severely criticised."

Each of the winning schemes is different, but many, naturally, have similarities, and Keith Beaumont, Leicester council's chief executive, emphasises that they are not simply "new housing with other things bolted on".

In Leicester — already designated as Britain's first "environment city" — its plan, which is scheduled to take five years to complete, is seen as a jigsaw. Bede Island, a site between the River Soar and the Grand Union Canal and covering 32 hectares is at the centre of the scheme. The site includes eight hectares of derelict land and a further ten hectares at present used by businesses such as scrapyards, which are to be relocated. New housing will be built in the Challenge area, with more than 1,000 student housing units planned and other property upgraded.

It is estimated that more than 2,000 new jobs will be created as well as 1,000 training places a year, and the links between the University of Leicester and De Montfort University will be strengthened by the building of a science park.

Leicester's successful bid for £37.5 million in government grants shows how local community organisations and private enterprise can work together. Some 14,000 people already live in the challenge area, nearly half on low incomes, a quarter from the ethnic community, and 15 per cent unemployed. The Challenge scheme has brought together 120 separate organisations.

Mr Beaumont says: "My job is to transform the vision into reality. City Challenge provides an opportunity for the city to show its commitment to people's future. Although it focuses on a specific area of the city the lessons learnt there can be applied to the city as a whole.

"But we must be realistic; £37.5 million sounds like a lot of money, but it is not a huge amount over five years. It is, however, enough to begin to secure change."

How a good idea has developed

Development corporations are celebrating ten years of success

When Urban Development Corporations (UDCs) were first introduced in 1981, their aims were to act as a catalyst for the regeneration of whole areas — to provide the infrastructure and environment necessary for renewal, and to create conditions essential for enterprises to flourish.

In the Local Government Planning and Land Act 1980, the UDCs' objectives were defined as: "To secure the regeneration of its area by bringing land and buildings into effective use... and ensuring that housing and social facilities are available to encourage people to live and work in the area."

As the original UDCs celebrate their first decade, several are having to contend with accusations of inflexibility, of lack of consultation with local communities and failure to lure private investment. The latter claim can be rejected. The £1,800 million spent on UDCs has been matched by more than £10,500 million of private sector money.



Staggered by support: Chris Farrow

The recession has hampered the success of UDCs. The combination of incentives, however, including infrastructure support, rates and capital allowances with a focused approach should appeal to developers as signs pointing to the end of the recession emerge.

When urban regeneration in the UK is mentioned, many people automatically think of London's Docklands. With the largest development project in Europe, the London Docklands Development Corporation (LDDC) has had to endure a wide array of criticism: that it is a monument to the 1980s' "greed is good" culture and that development has been imposed on the local population.

What many tend not to realise is that the LDDC is not solely concerned with Canary Wharf and its surroundings, but has the task of attracting investment into a wide area from London Bridge in the west to Beckton in the east. Within this 8 square miles, the LDDC has managed to attract £8,420 million of private sector investment with an input of £1,120 million public expenditure, of which £142 million has been spent on public utility services.

Community trusts, started in 1990, have been a success, bringing together local residents, businesses and public agencies to target areas for which grants should be awarded. The establishment of the Docklands Business Club also helped forge links with the local business community.

Transportation in the area has improved dramatically with the construction of new road and rail links. The continuing indecision over the planned Jubilee Line extension, however, may have a damaging effect on the perception that docklands is easily accessible.

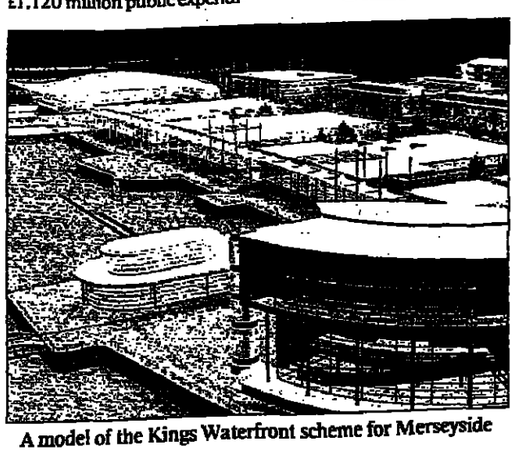
Another of the original UDCs, Merseyside Development Corporation (MDC), has also enjoyed success, turning an area of derelict dockland into one of the Northwest's biggest tourist attractions. The success of the Albert Dock scheme led to a trebling in the MDC's designated areas, from 350 hectares to 960 hectares. The Kings Waterfront development, adjacent to the Albert Dock is next on the agenda.

The MDC has also managed to secure £12.3 million of private investment, impressive when one considers the amount of negative publicity that Liverpool received in the 1980s, with the "loony left" city council never far from the headlines.

Christopher Farrow, the chief executive of the MDC, comments, "We were staggered by the level of positive support form the local community and the authorities. Liverpool had been down economically and politically, but has now come bouncing back".

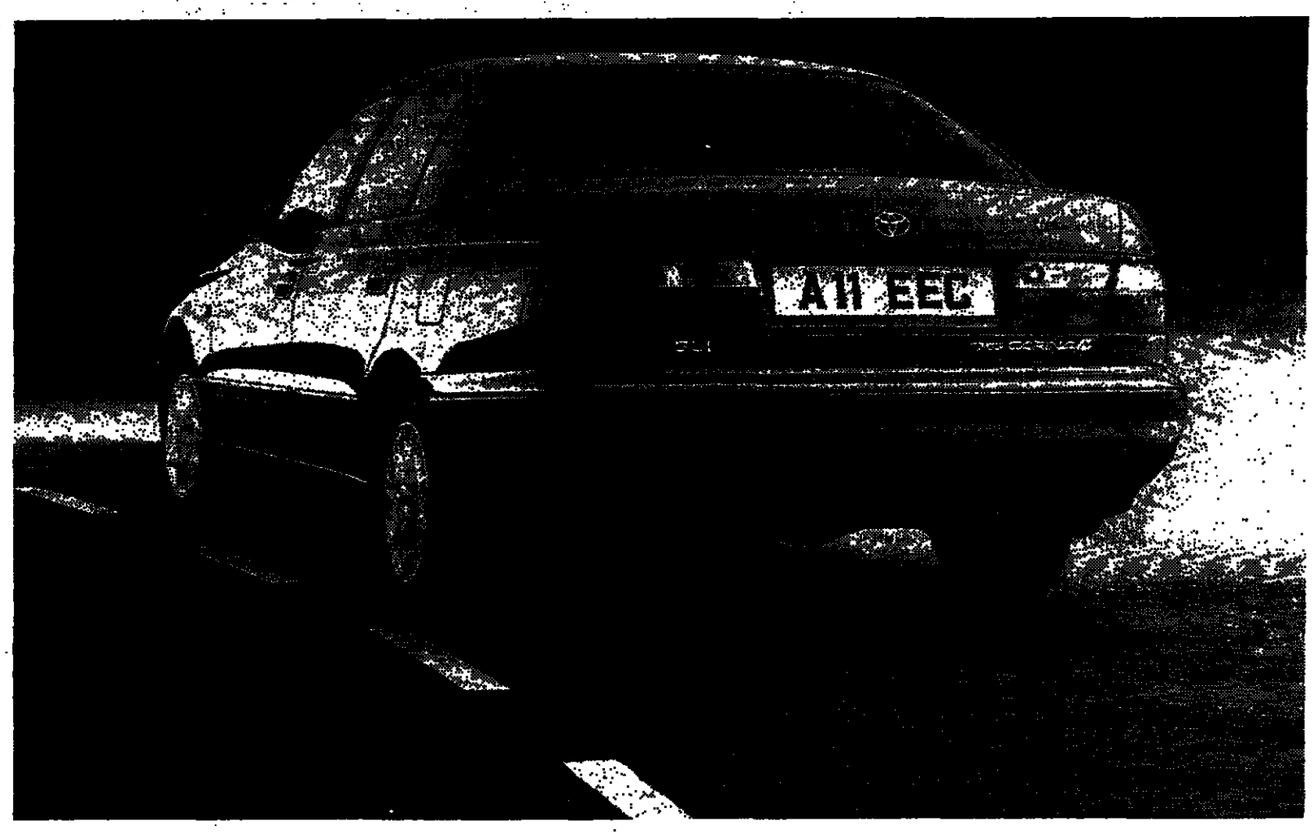
Christopher Farrow offers this advice for new UDCs, such as Plymouth : "The hardest thing is starting. From day one the problem has to be getting hold of land. It is not enough to have an organisation: you have to secure territory. If you do not get going from day one, by year five people will be asking why you bothered."

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A model of the Kings Waterfront scheme for Merseyside

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Clarke promoted as Lamont goes

■ Norman Lamont's troubled reign ended in acrimony and humiliation as John Major gave his job of Chancellor to Kenneth Clarke in a reshuffle designed to restore the authority of the government.

After the feverish speculation of the past few days, Mr Lamont's exit was little surprise. But the prime minister has taken a big risk in promoting a man widely seen as his main rival and whose pro-Europe stance is regarded with distrust by the rebellious Tory right ..... Pages 1-5

Support for Tories plummets

■ The Tories have dropped to their lowest level in the opinion polls since the autumn of 1981, as traditional supporters in southern England have deserted the party. The latest MORI poll for *The Times* underlines the depth of disillusionment with the government, and reinforces John Major's decision to give a new look to his cabinet ..... Page 1

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Dear Kenneth: I was pleased to see that you were going to the Treasury. You are brave to take it on, but then you have never lacked political courage ..... Page 1

Hercules crashed

Nine people were feared dead after an RAF Hercules transport plane crashed into a mountainside in a remote part of Perthshire. The C130 was on a routine training flight from RAF Lossiemouth and is thought to have been involved in low-level flying ..... Page 1

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Sir Patrick Mayhew, the former attorney-general, said he would probably have overridden customs chiefs if they had not accepted his advice to drop prosecutions in the supergun affair ..... Page 7

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Critically ill children are dying after being turned away from paediatric units because there are not enough beds, according to specialists ..... Page 8

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Fiona Jones, a British teacher, was murdered by a Frenchman who was enraged after being rejected by his girl friend, a French court was told ..... Page 9

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Fatigue, frustration and an over demanding flying programme may all have contributed to the North Sea's worst helicopter accident, in March last year, according to the official enquiry report ..... Page 10

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Britain must continue to play a "pivotal role" in European and global diplomacy while existing international institutions are reshaped to meet new challenges, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said ..... Page 11

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Germany's decision to curb the right to political asylum represents a big step in a process that might be called the closing of Europe. The gates are clanging shut throughout the continent and a more subtle variant of the old Iron Curtain will soon fall into place ..... Page 14

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After three days of frantic arm-twisting, deal-making and ego-massaging by President Clinton and his top officials, the House of Representatives was preparing for a momentous vote on his £227 billion package of record tax increases and spending cuts. At stake was the credibility of Mr Clinton and his party .... Page 15

Appeal court sets whistler free

■ The man who was sentenced to 14 days in prison for wolf-whistling at a female juror had his sentence quashed by the Court of Appeal. Paul Powell, 21, was reprimanded by Judge Geoffrey Kilfoil at Cardiff Crown Court last week for whistling at Alexa Hamley, 22, and jailed for contempt of court ..... Page 10



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Lord Gormley, president of the NUM during the two strikes that led to the fall of the Heath *government in 1974*, has died of cancer
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Mary Robinson was the first Irish republic leader to meet a British sovereign since 1937 when she *spent 40 minutes* with the Queen
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Life in the reign of Elizabeth

■ Forty years after Elizabeth was crowned Queen, the Times Magazine looks at the British during her reign. Anthony Howard describes the unfolding drama of the political scene, Alan Hamilton catches the flavour of the five new Elizabethan decades to date, and Sara Driver charts changing tastes in cars, consumer goods and popular culture.

■ Plus Jonathan Meades, The Vulture and Graham Gooch's childhood

Fast moves in the street

■ In New York chess has moved out of the middle-class clubs and on to the streets. Plus, in Weekend, the Jumbo Crossword

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The playwright Edward Bond makes his television debut with a sombre three-part drama about a lonely widower, *Bernard Hill*, tormented by the silence of his teenage daughter. *Olly's Prison* (BBC2, 11.15pm) ..... Page 47

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The prime minister is now unprotected from his past. During his colourful career Mr Lamont has been given many names; but in Number 10 in recent times the ones that mattered were air-raid shelter and lightning conductor. The former Chancellor was a target, not a threat: the new Chancellor is the reverse ..... Page 19

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The meeting between the Queen and President Robinson represents an important improvement in relations between the monarchy and the republic ..... Page 19

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The destruction wrought by the Uffizi bomb, which bears the Mafia's signature, was evidently intended to reach beyond the works of art and economic sabotage to Italy's vital tourist industry, to the country's new drive against corruption and organised crime. Page 19

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Kenneth Clarke is the luckiest man in Britain. Norman Lamont quite rightly maintains that he was handed a poisoned chalice in 1990 by John Major. But today Mr Clarke inherits the greatest opportunity afforded a British politician for many years ..... Page 18

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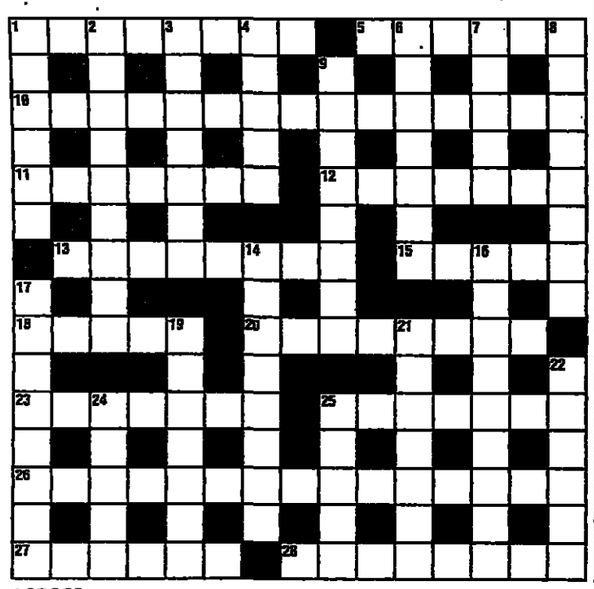
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5 Reckless plan staff-officer introduced (6).
10 Creative accounting made a supply that's abundant... (3,3,4,5).
11 ...yet herb is wasted because of that (7).
12 Just a piano (7).
13 Service area makes a killing (8).
15 Brother shared responsibility for boundary (5).
18 Game is part of companion set (5).
20 Ancient Greek mountain-dweller — possibly heartless Polyhymnia (8).
23 Exponents of note in S.E. Asia (7).
25 Ill-bred person in a jumper (7).
26 Novel entry for coxed pairs (5,3,2,1,4).
27 City in the course of time gradually declines (6).
28 One lantern broken by domestic (8).

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1 Nameless seducer stands up to declaim (6).
2 Ignorant and... (2,3,4).
3 ... benighted, save son first (7).
4 Unstable? It's immovable! (5).
6 Gossip given added weight by rearrangement (7).
7 Harsh noise causing local annoyance — neighbours, grumbling, put their heads together (5).
8 Sorry to have to confine individual to part of camp (8).
9 One member accepted count corruptly (8).
14 Lector is employed in a convent (8).
16 Pay for 21 to go off duty (5,4).
17 Ran second, and made an impression (8).
19 Noisy bat above your head (7).
21 Mature tree first provides cover for bird (7).
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WEATHER

Scotland and northeast England will be mainly dry, with the best of the sunshine in the west of Scotland. South Wales and southwest England are expected to stay dry with brighter spells. North Wales, Northern Ireland and the rest of England will be cloudy, with outbreaks of rain or drizzle. There will be some brighter spells, with many areas staying dry. Outlook: most areas dry tomorrow; rain spreading across all but Scotland on Sunday.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	25	77	s	Madrid	17	63	c
Alcudia	24	75	s	Majorca	26	79	s
Alex'dria	23	73	s	Malaga	21	70	f
Algiers	27	81	s	Malta	27	81	s
Amst'dam	13	55	d	Melb'rne	14	57	c
Athens	32	77	s	Mexico C*	11	52	s
Bahrain	33	91	s	Miami*	29	84	s
Bangkok	34	93	t	Milan	26	79	f
Barbados*	30	86	f	Montreal*	17	63	f
Barcelna	21	70	s	Moscow	12	54	c
Beirut	23	73	f	Munich	21	70	f
Belgrade	31	88	f	Nairobi	28	79	f
Berlin	13	55	r	Naples	28	82	s
Bermuda*	25	77	c	N Delhi	40	104	s
Biarritz	21	70	f	N York*	21	70	s
Blondn's	19	66	f	Nice	22	72	f
Brussels	19	66	f	Oslo	16	61	s
Budapst	28	82	s	Paris	20	68	s
B Aires*	10	50	s	Peking	32	90	s
Cairo	31	88	s	Perth	16	61	r
Cape Tn	15	59	r	Prague	19	66	r
Chicago*	24	75	s	Reykjavik	10	50	f
Ch'church	7	45	s	Rhodes	24	75	s
Cologne	20	68	f	Rio de J	27	81	s
C'phgn	17	63	f	Riyadh	41	106	s
Corfu	29	84	f	Rome	28	82	s
Dublin	10	50	d	Salzburg	23	73	f
Dubrovnik	26	79	s	S F'isco*	19	66	c
Faro	20	68	f	Santiago*	14	57	s
Florence	30	86	s	S Paulo*	24	75	c
Frankfurt	19	66	c	Seoul	27	81	s
Funchal	21	70	f	Sing'por	32	90	f
Geneva	29	73	f	Stckholm	14	57	f
Gibraltar	20	68	f	Strasb'rg	24	75	s
Helsinki	11	52	s	Sydney	18	64	c
Hong K	28	82	f	Tangier	19	66	c
Innsbruck	27	81	f	Tel Aviv	29	84	s
Istanbul	22	72	s	Tenerife	23	73	c
Jerdsln	35	95	s	Tokyo	25	77	s
Jo'burg*	23	73	f	Toronto*	9	48	s
Karachi	35	95	s	Tunis	31	88	s
L Palmas	22	72	c	Valencia	26	79	f
La Toquet	15	59	c	Vanc'ver*	18	64	f
Lisbon	19	66	f	Venice	25	77	f
Locarno	21	70	c	Vienna	25	77	f
London	14	57	c	Warsaw	10	50	r
L Angels*	21	70	s	Wash'ton*	21	70	c
Luxembg	18	64	c	Wel'ton	12	54	r
Luxor	40	104	f	Zurich	29	88	f

* denotes figures are latest available

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 14C (57F); min 6pm to 6am, 13C (55F). Humidity: 6pm, 82 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.19in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,004.7 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Jersey, 23C (73F), lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Culdrose, Cornwall, 1.26in; highest sunshine: Stornoway, Western Isles, 14.4hr.

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 12C (54F); min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.91in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil.

Yesterday: Temp: max 8am to 6pm, 12C (54F); min 6pm to 8am, 7C (45F). Rain 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 4.7hr

ABROAD YESTERDAY

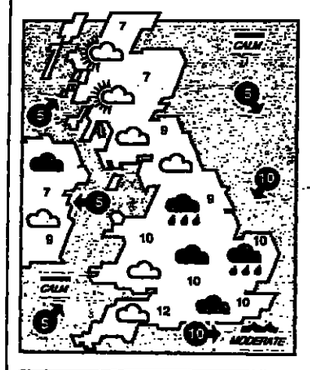
	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.4	-	9	48	cloudy
Anglesey	0.6	0.74	12	54	rain
Aviemore	7.8	-	11	52	sunny
Belfast	-	0.01	12	54	rain
Birmingham	0.1	0.56	12	54	thundr
Bognor Regis	1.5	0.12	21	70	cloudy
Bristol	-	0.35	15	59	rain
Buxton	-	0.28	8	46	thundr
Cardiff	-	0.33	13	55	rain
Clacton	0.6	-	14	57	cloudy
Colwyn Bay	0.1	0.50	11	52	rain
Cromer	0.5	0.02	13	55	shower
Eastbourne	0.8	-	18	64	cloudy
Edinburgh	0.4	-	9	48	cloudy
Eskdalemuir	4.5	-	9	48	bright
Exmouth	0.2	0.93	16	61	rain
Falmouth	-	1.15	15	59	rain
Glasgow	5.3	-	11	52	bright
Guernsey	4.1	0.16	21	70	sunny
Hastings	0.9	-	19	66	cloudy
Hunstanton	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Isle of Man	-	0.11	12	54	cloudy
Jersey	4.2	0.06	23	73	shower
Kinloss	0.1	-	10	50	cloudy
Leeds	-	0.03	11	52	rain
Lerwick	4.4	-	9	48	bright
Littlehampton	0.7	-	20	68	cloudy
Liverpool	-	0.54	9	48	rain
London	-	-	16	61	cloudy
Lowestoft	1.0	-	14	57	cloudy
Manchester	-	0.50	10	50	thundr
Margate	1.1	-	15	59	cloudy
Minehead	-	0.94	12	54	rain
Morecambe	-	0.16	11	52	rain
Newcastle	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Nottingham	-	0.02	11	52	rain
Penzance	0.6	0.59	17	63	rain
Plymouth	0.8	1.25	17	63	rain
Poole	2.1	0.79	20	68	shower
Salcombe	-	0.85	16	61	dull
Sandown	2.2	0.33	17	63	cloudy
Saunton Snd	-	0.36	16	61	cloudy
Scarborough	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Scilly Isles	-	0.27	15	59	fog
Shanklin	1.9	0.26	17	63	cloudy
Southend	0.1	0.01	15	59	dull
Stornoway	14.4	-	10	50	sunny
Swanage	2.4	0.98	15	59	shower
Teignmouth	-	0.82	14	57	dull
Tenby	-	0.51	13	55	cloudy
Tiree	12.1	-	16	61	sunny
Torquay	-	0.84	18	64	dull
Wick	0.4	-	9	48	cloudy

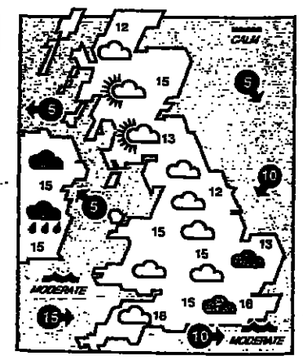
These are Wednesday's figures

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.325	2.125
Austria Sch	18.65	17.10
Belgium Fr	54.40	50.00
Canada $	2.08	1.92
Denmark Kr	10.18	9.38
Finland Mkk	9.10	8.30
France Fr	8.98	8.23
Germany Dm	2.64	2.44
Greece Dr	355.00	330.00
Hong Kong $	12.63	11.63
Ireland Pt	1.08	1.00
Italy Lire	2385.00	2240.00
Japan Yen	184.75	165.75
Netherlands Gld	2.97	2.74
Norway Kr	11.18	10.38
Portugal Esc	251.00	233.00
South Africa Rd	6.42	5.42
Spain Pta	203.00	190.00
Sweden Kr	11.85	11.05
Switzerland Fr	2.38	2.18
Turkey Lira	16300.0	15300.0
USA $	1.65	1.52

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.





LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 9.34 pm to 4.23 am
Bristol 9.43 pm to 4.33 am
Edinburgh 10.11 pm to 4.10 am
Manchester 9.53 pm to 4.21 am
Penzance 9.49 pm to 4.51 am

Sun rises: 4.53 am
Sun sets: 9.04 pm
Moon rises 12.24 pm
Moon sets 1.06 am
First quarter 6.21pm

Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

YESTERDAY

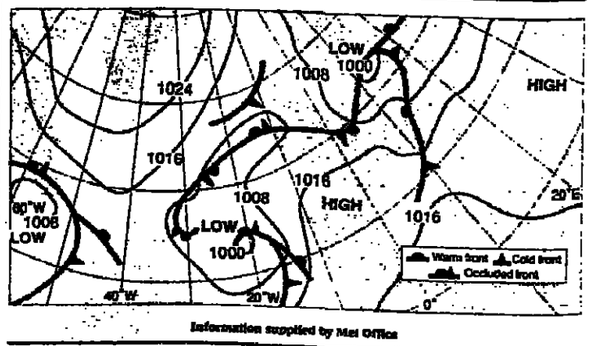
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	8	46	r	Guernsey	15	59	s
B'mngham	10	50	r	Inverness	9	48	c
Blackpool	10	50	r	Jersey	16	61	f
Bristol	13	55	c	London	14	57	c
Cardiff	13	55	c	M'nchster	11	52	r
Edinburgh	9	48	c	Newcastle	9	48	c
Glasgow	10	50	c	R'nldsway	9	48	r

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	7.17	6.6	7.29	6.4	Liverpool	4.32	8.5	5.12	8.1
Aberdeen	6.50	3.8	7.45	3.6	Lowestoft	3.07	2.1	2.54	2.3
Avonmouth	12.19	11.7	12.53	11.2	Margate	5.26	4.4	5.40	4.4
Belfast	4.28	3.3	5.09	2.9	Milford Haven	11.58	5.8		
Cardiff	12.04	10.9	12.38	10.4	Newquay	10.55	5.9	11.23	6.0
Devonport	11.25	4.6	11.44	4.8	Oban	11.28	3.0	11.47	3.3
Dover	4.25	5.8	4.59	5.9	Penzance	10.39	4.6	10.58	4.8
Falmouth	10.55	4.4	11.14	4.6	Portland			12.16	1.6
Glasgow	5.59	4.7	6.56	4.2	Portsmouth	4.32	4.2	5.19	4.3
Harwich	5.10	3.6	5.24	3.5	Shoreham	4.29	5.4	5.08	5.5
Holyhead	3.40	5.0	4.25	4.7	Southampton	4.16	4.0	5.06	4.1
Hull	11.41	6.5			Swansea			12.05	8.1
Ilfracombe	11.41	7.8			Tees	9.22	4.8	10.11	4.7
King's Lynn	11.56	5.8			W'ton-on-Nze	5.07	3.8	5.21	3.7
Leith	8.20	4.8	9.04	4.8					

NOON TODAY



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THE POUND

US $	1.5527 (+0.0075)
German mark	2.5045 (-0.0168)
Exchange index	80.7 (-0.1)
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STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	2855.3 (+8.4)
Dow Jones	3555.11 (+14.95)*
Nikkei Avg	20852.63 (-43.36)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	6%
3-month Interbank	5⅞-5⅝%
US Federal Funds	3⅛%*
3-month Treas Bills	3.04-3.03%*
Long Bond	6.94%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£:$ 1.5550*	£:$ 1.5550
$:DM 1.6120*	£:DM 2.5137
$:SWfr 1.4375*	£:SWfr 2.2361
$:Ffr 5.4380*	£:Ffr 8.4925
$:Yen 107.80*	£:Yen 167.98
£:SDR 1.0935	£:ECU 1.2851

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 377.00 PM 374.50
Close 376.70-377.70
New York:
Comex 376.25-376.75*

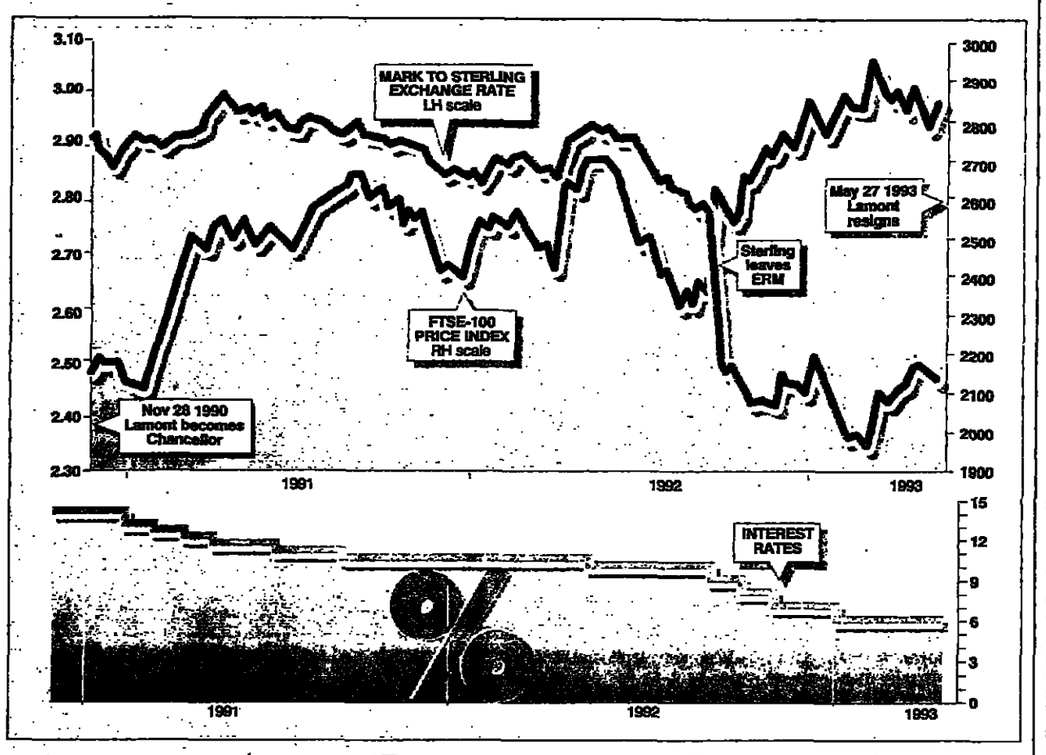
RETAIL PRICES

RPI 140.6 April (1.3%)

* Denotes midday trading price

Lamont turns his back on 2½ turbulent years at No.11





Honeymoon for Clarke

BY OUR BUSINESS STAFF

■ **Though the City traditionally hates *surprises*, both the stock market and foreign exchange markets stayed calm as the prime minister changed chancellors**

KENNETH Clarke can at least expect a honeymoon period, however brief, in his relationship with the City, one which, in the case of his forerunner, was beyond the help of the most skilled marriage guidance counsellor.

That was the view of City analysts last night. While expecting no immediate sea change, they were hoping that Mr Clarke would use the period to implement necessary tough policies while not providing an immediate brake on economic recovery.

The market, which traditionally loathes surprises, took the news calmly. A reshufffle had been expected, and analysts felt Mr Clarke was the most obvious candidate.

At NatWest, Paul Neild, economics analyst, thought Mr Clarke's earlier record at education and health suggested a Chancellor who would take a firm line on budgeting. He said: "I think that would be confidence-restoring."

He would also be better at putting over policy, not least to the City. County believes this autumn's Budget should contain £3.5 billion of spending cuts and £1.5 billion of tax increases to tackle a structural deficit running at between £15 billion and £25 billion.

Mr Neild said: "He's known as a good communicator. He's going to need to be, because he's got a lot of explaining to do. I'm a little more confident this afternoon than yesterday—the appropriate action is more likely to be forthcoming under Mr Clarke than under Mr Lamont."

Neil MacKinnon, Citibank economist, expected no significant change in direction. "I think he will sensibly continue with the going for growth strategy. The litmus test is what he will do on public borrowing and spending."

Early hopes that the Cabinet reshuffle *would lead to a new* round of interest rates cuts put some brief sparkle back into the equity market. Share prices perked up on the news. The FT-SE 100 index recovered an early markdown and, at one point, was boasting a gain of almost 14 points. In the event it saw its lead whittled away to finish 8.4 ahead at 2,855.3. The early euphoria evaporated and the general view seems to indicate that the government's monetary policy *will remain unaltered.*

The pound rallied during the morning on news that Mr Lamont was resigning and then fell back after reports were confirmed that Mr Clarke was taking over. By the end of the day, its trade weighted index was at 80.7, down from 80.8.

Richard Kersley, of Barclays de Zoete Wedd, said Mr Clarke's background at the trade department suggested somebody if not more interventionist then at least more sensitive to the needs of industry.

Derek Scott, his colleage on the economics side at BZW, said Mr Clarke was more likely to be pro-European, suggesting that he will be *more interested in getting* sterling back into the ERM.

He added: "If next year the government's 4 per cent ceiling on inflation looks like being hit or exceeded, people will look to see if the government is as committed to keeping inflation under control."

Gwyn Hacche at James Capel accepted that Mr Clarke had stronger presentational skills than Mr Lamont, and would be able to defend his policies in a more robust manner and deal better with Parliament and the press, but sounded a note of caution.

"It remains to be seen if he will be a good Chancellor. He does not have any particular experience in that area. He *has got quite a lot of work to do* in rebuilding the government's credibility in the financial markets."

Anthony Broccardo, equities analyst at Nomura Research Institute, felt the equity market was by now largely desensitised to a political reshuffle that had been a long time coming, and the main response could come on the foreign exchanges.

Mike Young, international equity strategist at Merrill Lynch, has told clients to expect no changes in economic policy following the reshufffle.

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Halifax awards princely payoff

BY LINDSAY COOK
MONEY EDITOR

HALIFAX Building Society has paid a former director £413,000 in compensation for loss of office. Mike Whitehouse resigned as operations director last October and left within days.

The largest building society's annual report reveals that it paid Mr Whitehouse £306,176 as compensation for loss of office. It also enhanced his pension rights to the tune of £107,000. This extra pension did not involve additional funding, the report says.

Mr Whitehouse, who was number two at the society, had been seen as an internal contender for the job of chief executive when Jim Birrell retires in August. The job will *go instead to Mike Blackburn*, chief executive of Leeds Permanent Building Society. Mr Whitehouse worked for the society for 28 years. He joined as a clerk at head office and worked his way up.

A spokesman said: "He resigned ahead of the restructuring because his job would no longer exist. Given the contribution and long service, those figures were considered appropriate by the remuneration committee."

The Halifax, like all building societies, is a mutual organisation owned by savers and borrowers.

The report shows that Mr Birrell received a 34 per cent pay rise, from £224,782 to £301,786, in the year to January 31. This means that, for the first time, the Halifax has the highest-paid building society chief executive. In 1991-2 that honour went to Andrew Longhurst, chief executive of the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society.

Mr Birrell's salary included a £50,000 bonus, which is *non-pensionable*. The Halifax reported an 8 per cent rise in profits, to £680 million, for 1992-3.

Industry calls for reform

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BUSINESS and industry leaders last night called on Mr Clarke to make his mark by reforming the institutions of economic policy.

Peter Morgan, director-general of the Institute of Directors, called on Mr Clarke to make his mark by giving the the Bank of England its independence. He also called for a reform of the Treasury and re-introduction of the medium-term financial strategy as an instrument of economic planning.

There should be no resumption of Britain's "disastrous" membership of the European exchange-rate mechanism, which had prolonged the recession, he added.

Richard Brown, policy director of the British Chambers of Commerce, said: "It is not the personalities of ministers but the policies they follow which matter to business." The government's policies appeared to be working.

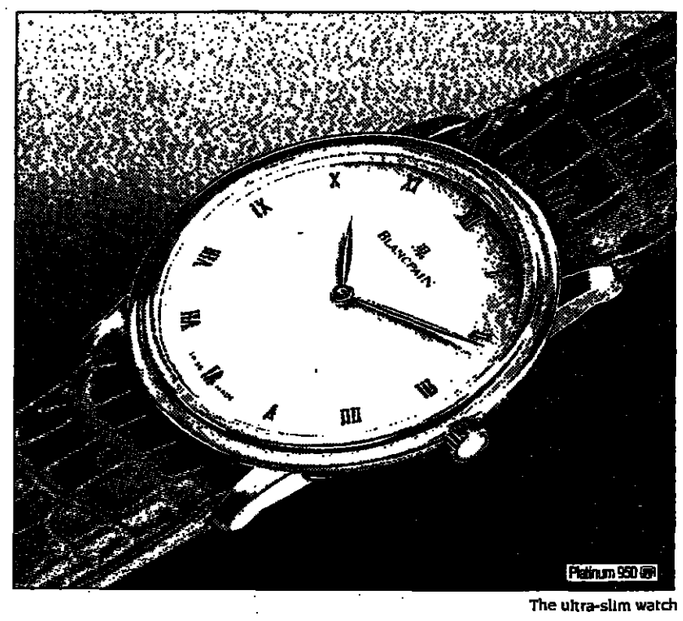
However, he added: "If action taken to address the deficit, such as drastic public spending cuts or increases in *taxation, results in stunting* growth then the problems will re-emerge next year."

The Engineering Employers Federation welcomed the reshuffle for the end it brought to uncertainty "which has been unsettling the business climate."

The TUC, however, said a change of policies was needed as well as a change of ministers. Norman Willis, general secretary, said it would "not be enough to reshuffle the players in a team giving Britain little cause for cheer."

Eddie Kirk, chairman of Frederick Cooper, the engineering group, welcomed the *appointment of Mr Clarke*. "I think Mr Lamont was a poor Chancellor because he failed to accept and understand when things were going wrong."

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When the resignations had to start



ANTHONY HARRIS

If they had a trophy room in the Bundesbank tower in Frankfurt, it would be getting quite crowded by now. The embittered head of Norman Lamont would now be hanging alongside those of Charles Haughey and the veiled, truly tragic figure of Pierre Bérégovoy. Future spaces would no doubt be reserved for Felipe González, for assorted Scandinavians, and probably still for John Major — and, if Buba wishes are self-*fulfilling, for Chancellor* Kohl, the true author of the tragedy that has come out of German reunification. It will all make an important chapter in the long history of ill-judgment and vainglory.

It is hard now to remember that when this story started, the slump of 1990 was a largely Anglo-Saxon story. The excesses of deregulation and speculation never occurred on the Continent, and the timely resignation of Nigel Lawson might have been seen as a handsome apology, had he been an apologetic man. But in any case, the trouble looked containable. It was generally hoped that the stimulus of the European single market, under the all-wise guidance of the Bundesbank, would ease the pains of deflation in less happy lands. Then the Wall came down, and it all went sour. That is when the resignations should have started. Karl Otto Pöhl, the Bundesbank president, fought the haste of the reunification programme, and especially the proposed one-for-one currency conversion for the former GDR, with every weapon at his disposal — except the one that might have worked.

His resignation in protest at what was going forward would have turned squabbling into melodrama. It might have shocked the triumphant German Chancellor into a change of approach before it was too late.

Failing that, Herr Pöhl's resignation would at least have dented the German reputation for monetary infallibility, first in the markets and then among neighbouring politicians. As it was, the German reputation survived the botch-up, and Herr Pöhl's sulky departure came a year too *late to do any* good. As a grim result, every other European finance minister saw rigid adherence to German monetary policy as the only acceptable seal of good housekeeping. It is not fair to blame the Bundesbank for this game of lemmings. It endlessly reminded those who criticised its policies that they were not bound to adopt them; the ERM was designed as a flexible system. Indeed, it went a good deal further in practice, assisting destabilising speculators by providing timely inside information, if their own evidence is to be believed. It is hard to see why else they should tell a story that makes them look less clever.

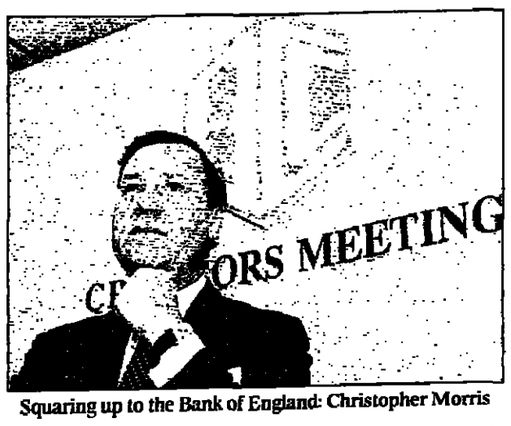
A manly resignation would have been far more to the point than this underhand salvation. If Germany had insisted on itself dropping out of the ERM until its internal adjustment was done, then others could have designed policies to meet their own problems. These would generally have been the reverse of the German approach — tight fiscal and relaxed monetary policy. The huge under-valuation of the dollar, the biggest single cause of the coming European depression, would have been kept to rational proportions. The Europeans might even have turned their attention to a monetary leader worth following, the US Federal Reserve.

This is not to say that they would have got it right. The French might very well have done so, and reached their goal of a strong currency with a strong economy. The British under Mr Major, still obsessed with fighting past inflation rather than current deflation, might have made much the same mess as they did; but at least Mr Lamont would not now be working on his self-justification.

Not that he should have stayed there to nurse his hurt feelings. He should, of course, have done a Callaghan, resigned with honour when he was forced to eat his words, and no doubt done his singing in the Home Office bath. He might have had tete-a-tete dinners reminiscing with the ex-Governor, Robin Leigh-Pemberton, whose resignation on the collapse of BCCI had done him such credit.

But in this barnacle-encrusted age nobody behaves like this, or seems to understand that honourable resignation is by far the most effective way to preserve your reputation.

Court appeals bring 'significant loss' for BCCI creditors



Squaring up to the Bank of England: Christopher Morris

BY JON ASHWORTH

CREDITORS of Bank of Credit and Commerce International face "significant losses" due to delays in approving a $2.2 billion compensation plan by the Abu Dhabi government.

Christopher Morris of Touche Ross, BCCI's senior English liquidator, told a meeting of 600 creditors at Wembley Arena, north-west London, that appeals lodged in Luxembourg courts had resulted in a "very significant" loss of interest.

The actions, he said, would create significant liquidators' costs and add to delay in making payments. The Abu Dhabi government, BCCI's majority shareholder, has agreed to pay between $1.2 billion and $2.2 billion into a pool of funds, provided creditors waive claims against it.

Creditors voted in favour of the plan last year. Were it not for the appeal, an initial sum of $800 million would have been paid in December and another $500 million would have been due next month.

If the Abu Dhabi plan is allowed to proceed, creditors will receive an initial payment of 15 pence in the pound next year. They are likely to receive 30 to 40 pence in the pound in all. Mr Morris told creditors that 89 per cent of BCCI's worldwide assets appeared to be irrecoverable — a shortfall of $12.4 billion. The extent of the losses, together with the difficulty of mounting an integrated worldwide liquidation, had made the liquidators' task all the harder.

■ Legal action against the Bank of England will proceed only if enough creditors are prepared to support it, making it commercially viable, says Touche Ross

Touche Ross's fees so far amount to £82 million. Yesterday's meeting alone cost up to £1.1 million and a fifth of the total has been spent on legal actions. Mr Morris said liquidation costs had fallen 30 per cent in 18 months and would have more than halved by 1994.

He urged creditors to support legal action launched against the Bank of England as a matter of the "utmost importance and urgency". Unless enough creditors put their names behind it, it was unlikely to proceed.

The emotion-charged meeting became more rowdy as the day wore on. One creditor shouted: "You get another hundred million and we end up with zero." Mr Morris was also accused of insulting BCCI staff.

Keith Vaz, MP for Leicester East, asked whether Touche Ross was prepared to sit down with the Bank of England under the patronage of John Major to discuss any common ground. Mr Morris said he would consider the proposal. Earlier, Mr Vaz had urged creditors to have their say. He said: "People have come from Pakistan, from Egypt — from all over the world to be here."

Mr Morris was shouted down when he tried to close a question and answer session. Several creditors criticised the Abu Dhabi plan, saying new information had come to light since it was approved.

Speaking after the meeting, Mr Morris commented on the low turnout. He said: "I am slightly surprised that more people did not come. A few hundred out of 55,000 is really quite small."

National Power leads the way as 2,000 jobs go

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF

MORE than 2,000 job losses were revealed yesterday by Nissan, Swan Hunter, National Power and Babcock.

John Baker, the chief executive of National Power, spoke of further plant closures over the next few years and said about 1,000 jobs could go. In the year to end-March National Power reduced the number of employees from 11,400 to 7,400.

Babcock International told 450 of its 1,550 workforce at Renfrew, near Glasgow, that they were to be made redundant. Jeff Whalley, acting chief executive, explained that with the move away from coal and oil-fired power stations towards gas, the group was getting orders for each new power station of only £30-£40 million compared to the £100-£150 million of old.

Nissan confirmed that it is to shed about 5 per cent of the 4,600 workforce at its Sunderland car-assembly plant in Tyne and Wear. The company, which two weeks ago had to cope with a drop in demand for its Primera model, aims to lose 230 jobs through natural wastage over the next year.

The company blamed a downturn in the European market. It said: "Demand for the Primera is down 22 per cent in Germany over the year's first quarter and down 18 per cent in Europe as a whole. We exported 88 per cent of cars produced in Sunderland last year so we are obviously dependent on the state in the European market. It is not in very good shape at the moment."

Nissan said there was no question of redundancies or short-term working. It is the first time Nissan has cut full-time jobs since Lady Thatcher opened the £360 million plant in 1986.

The Nissan announcement came on the same day as Price Waterhouse, the receivers at the ailing Swan Hunter shipyard 10 miles away on Tyneside, told 420 workers selected for redundancy today, that they would receive no redundancy money above the state minimum. Angry union officials descibed the terms as "outrageous" and immediately demanded talks with the receiver in an effort to obtain a better settlement.

National Power revealed a 13 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £580 million for the year to end-March, struck after charging a £150 million provision for restructuring. Earnings per share rose 15 per cent to 32.9p out of which dividends rise from 9.1p to 10.6p. Capital spending rose from £498 million to £575 million but debts rose from 11 per cent to 13 per cent of shareholders funds.

Babcock announced a fall in pre-tax profits from £56 million to £21 million on sales down from £830 million to £748 million. The figure was struck after charging £13 million for reorganisation and restructuring. Of the £13 million, £8 million will go on the redundancies. Total dividend for the year falls from 3.15p to 2.1p out of earnings down from 8.19p to 1.72p.

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Less money for power stations: Jeff Whalley, acting chief executive of Babcock

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

SW Water splashes out £15m on Testlink

SOUTH West Water continues to expand outside its traditional water business, paying £15 million for Testlink Holdings, a manufacturer of monitoring equipment. Testlink was a management buyout from Mowlem, the construction group, for £5 million in 1988, backed by 3i, the investment group.

SW Water's non-regulated activities contributed £10.3 million towards total turnover of £194.4 million in the year to March. Pre-tax profits rose from £90 million to £92.7 million. The final dividend of 15.9p makes a total 23.7p, up from 21.7p. Since privatisation three years ago, said chairman Keith Court, SW Water had completed more than a third of the schemes in its 10-year capital programme. Capital expenditure increased 18.2 per cent to £203.7 million.

BICC to raise $41m

BICC, the international cables and construction group, said it was poised to sell 3 million shares, about 60 per cent, of its American subsidiary Andover Controls, raising about $41.4 million. A registration for an initial public offering of Andover ordinary shares has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The aim is to list the shares on Nasdaq. BICC estimated the offering price will be between $14 and $16 per share.

Licensed pits named

BRITISH Coal has named the first four pits being put up for licensing in a programme that will see all pits earmarked for closure offered to private-sector operators. The four are Cotgrave and Silverhill in Nottinghamshire, Bolsover in Derbyshire and Easington, Durham. Neil Clarke, the British Coal chairman, said prospectuses for the first ten pits to be abandoned in the current round of closures would be offered "within weeks".

Davenport cash call

FAMILY holdings in Davenport Vernon, the fast-expanding motor dealer, are to be reduced below 50 per cent in a two-for-five rights issue to raise £6.4 million. The rights share price is 125p against a market price of 142p, down 5p. The company, which has 22 dealerships, made a pre-tax profit of £895,000 in the six months to March, up from £805,000 on turnover of £69.5 million (£50.6 million) and is maintaining the interim dividend at 1.5p.

Dobson cuts dividend

DOBSON Park Industries, the mining equipment and industrial electronics group, has cut the interim dividend to 1.2p from 1.9p after falling into the red in the half-year to April 3. Pre-tax losses were £714,000, compared with profits of £6.2 million last time, giving a loss per share of 1.12p, against earnings of 3.32p. Losses were struck after exceptional charges of £4.4 million relating to the disposal of Revere Aerospace and the power tools business.

Apollo to raise £4.8m

APOLLO Metals, the aluminium distributor and processor, is to raise £4.87 million through a placing and open offer to reduce borrowings. Shares are being offered at 101p each, on a 2-for-5 basis. The company has also applied for a full listing, switching from the USM. Apollo reported pre-tax profits of £711,000 (£588,000) in the six months to end-March, with earnings of 3p a share, down from 3.5p. The interim dividend is increased to 1.2p a share from 1.15p.

Thorntons price melts

SHARES in Thorntons fell 26p to 144p on news that the luxury confectionery group will incur a £7.75 million exceptional current-year charge to cover the restructuring of its loss-making French operations. The group is to dispose of about 25 Martial sites in France, keeping only 20 around Paris. John Thornton, chairman, right, blamed the depth of the recession and the impact of sterling's devaluation. Thorntons expects to maintain the final dividend at 2.4p, giving an unchanged total of 3.65p for the year.



Warburg helped by fall in sterling

BY GRAHAM SEARJEANT
FINANCIAL EDITOR

DEVALUATION has improved the fortunes of SG Warburg Group, the investment banker, securities dealer and fund manager, bringing higher share and bond prices, more share and currency dealings and an upturn in corporate finance work.

After a first-half fall in pre-tax profit to £51 million from £92 million, second-half profits reached £97 million. Sir David Scholey, the chairman, said this was much better than seemed likely at the halfway stage and that the improved level of trading had continued in the current year.

For the year to March 31, pre-tax profits were still 11 per cent down at £148.2 million, but the dividend rises from 18p to 19p, from earnings per share of 37.5p (45.3p). A German consumer leasing business was closed during the year, with a loss of £11.6 million. Without this, earnings would have been 42.5p per share.

In the second half, the investment banking business wrote down to £14 million its £30 million holding of debt in Isosceles, the Gateway retail group, although half of the £16 million provision came from previously set general provisions. The division's second-half profit still recovered to £55 million.

Mercury Asset Management, the separately quoted fund management subsidiary, raised profits by 26 per cent to £82 million, having written off the remainder of its Isosceles equity holding in the first half. This included £46 million (£31 million) in the second half, also helped by the effects of devaluation as well as new contracts to manage £1.9 billion, mainly pension funds.

Funds under management rose a quarter to almost £50 billion. MAM raised its dividend from 11.5p to 15p per share from earnings of 32.6p (25.4p). MAM shares gained 29p to 509p and Warburg shares rose 23p to 717p.

Warburg conditionally agreed on May 18 to buy KCCO, a Chicago derivatives trading partnership, to help develop the group's derivatives business worldwide.

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Cover for terrorism could rise by 300%

BY SARAH BAGNALL
INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

THE government is putting heavy pressure on the insurance industry to increase premium rates for terrorism cover, which for City-based businesses could result in increases up to 300 per cent.

The Association of British Insurers is urging members to hold fire on any rate increases, arguing that the government's pressure for rises from July 1 is unacceptable.

The government is in a strong position to push through rate rises because it is the sole reinsurer of terrorism cover. Last December it agreed to meet any shortfall between claims and the funds available in Pool Re, the vehicle into which all terrorism premiums are paid.

The government is said to be unhappy with the amount of money collected by Pool Re, which is expected to be exhausted by the £400 million Bishopsgate bomb alone, leaving the government to pay for any future terrorist attacks.

As a result of pressure from the Department of Trade and Industry, Pool Re commissioned a report into the rating structure. The report by Bacon & Woodrow, consulting actuaries, concludes that significant rate increases are needed and proposes new rating "zones" and the abolition of "size of risk" rate reductions.

Bank covers fellow travellers

BY OUR CITY STAFF

NEXT year's Bank of England annual report is likely to show a payment of several thousand pounds to the new Governor, Eddie George, for travel expenses; this is in addition to his frozen five-year pay deal of £227,000, a rise of almost £40,000 for his promotion from deputy governor.

The travel expenses reflect a recent ruling by the Inland Revenue that the expenses for the Bank of England Governor's wife travelling abroad for diplomatic occasions was a personal benefit, a perk of her husband's job, and should be taxed.

The Bank of England says that the £16,000 of expenses paid to Robin Leigh-Pemberton to compensate him for a back tax demand, shown in the 1992-3 annual report, covered quasi diplomatic occasions such as the IMF annual meeting and the present deputy governor's recent visit to China. The Bank stressed that wives did not travel on regular monthly visits to the Bank of International Settlements in Basle or to Group of Seven gatherings.

It is understood the Bank regards the occasions which Governor's wives attend as purely ceremonial and diplomatic and that officials were surprised at the recent Inland Revenue ruling. The result was a £3,288 payment for the year to end-February and a £12,568 payment over the previous five years. The public airing of the travel expenses problem clouds the recent public gesture by Mr George to take a five-year pay freeze once he was in the Governor's seat in July. Mr Leigh-Pemberton waived £34,000 of his 1992-3 salary but counting in the travel expenses payment his pay rose 27 per cent on the previous year. This is much higher than the 17 per cent rise revealed in 1991 which sparked a furore over executive pay rises at a time of supposed wage restraint to curb inflation.

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Names wait for legal advice over £660m loss

BY SARAH BAGNALL
INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 700 financially striken Lloyd's names will hear shortly whether they have a legal case against Arthur Andersen, the accountant, in connection with the hundreds of millions of pounds of insurance losses suffered by the Feltrim syndicates.

Colin Hook, chairman of the Feltrim Names Association, told names at the association's annual meeting: "I hope to write to you in the very near future as to the state and progress of our possible action against the auditors, Arthur Andersen."

Feltrim names are seeking to recover £660 million of losses, resulting from the notorious LMX spiral, and are currently embroiled in legal action against the 59 members' agents who were responsible for placing names on the loss-making syndicates.

Mr Hook said legal action would carry on despite the Corporation of Lloyd's announcement earlier this week of new steps to try to reach a negotiated settlement with litigating names. "The Feltrim litigation will not be deferred or delayed even for one minute unless or until a just and acceptable settlement is offered to us. And we are, by no means, in that situation at present."

He said names had raised £7 million for a fighting fund, which "will enable litigation to proceed not only to judgement in the High Court, but quite probably, should it prove necessary, all the way to the Court of Appeal". Feltrim is due in court in mid September when it will be decided whether or not the members' agents have an arguable defence. No settlement offer is expected before then.

Recession-hit Ford of Britain drives into second-worst loss

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

FORD of Britain made a £353 million loss last year, its second-worst on record. Sales and market share of the UK's biggest motor manufacturer slumped, and the company has little hope of returning to the black without a significant economic upturn in both the UK and overseas.

The loss was an improvement on 1991's £587 million, however. Exports were worth £2.2 billion, a 34 per cent increase over the 1990 performance.

Seventeen per cent of production from the Halewood plant on Merseyside, which makes the Ford Escort, went abroad; exports from Dagenham, in Essex, were about half of output. The figure for the Southampton factory, which makes Transit vans, was 37 per cent.

However, the slump in the European market this year means Ford faces cuts in export orders. Worries are deepening that the business will not be able to pull quickly out of loss, despite huge cost reductions, including thousands of job losses.

Although the UK market is expected to grow this year by as much as 10 per cent, that is from a 1992 sales total of 1.6 million, which was the lowest for ten years; and the improvement is unlikely to offset lost sales abroad. Dagenham has reduced output from 1,250 Fiesta cars a day to about 850.

Ian McAllister, chairman of Ford of Britain, warned that sustaining exports would be "much more difficult" this year. Ford also faces increased competition from Vauxhall, Rover, Peugeot and Citroën and from the Japanese manufacturers — Toyota, Honda and Nissan — with UK manufacturing bases.

Ford's share of the UK market, once 30 per cent, slipped from 24.2 per cent in 1991 to 22.2 per cent in 1992. Vauxhall is challenging Ford every month for market leadership; and in December, Rover pushed Ford from the top slot for the first time in 16 years.

However, Mr McAllister pointed to improvements in productivity and quality, and to big investment plans, as confirmation of Ford's commitment to Britain.

The Times disclosed this week that a 50 per cent productivity improvement in four years had persuaded Ford to remove any threat of closure from Dagenham or Halewood.

Mr McAllister said 73 per cent of Ford cars sold in the UK were made here. The company had spent £2.3 billion with British components suppliers and invested £3.4 billion in under five years.

"No other manufacturer in the motor industry comes close to this level of commitment to a technology and skills base in this country," he said. "We ended 1992 on an encouraging note, with an improvement in new car sales in the last quarter which has continued into 1993."



Committed to UK: Ian McAllister has forced up productivity

Hammerson launches £199m cash call



Spinney: "no sacred cows"

HAMMERSON, one of Britain's leading property companies, yesterday launched a £199.1 million rights issue to cut borrowings and provide firepower for opportunities when the sector begins to recover.

At the same time, Ronald Spinney, who took over as chief executive on May 1, said there would be "no sacred cows" as he reviews the group's property portfolio, geographic spread and administration overheads.

The cash call, which has the backing of Standard Life, the 23.6 per cent leading shareholder, is on the basis of seven new ordinary shares for every 15 held at 285p a share, and a 7-for-15 issue of new A shares at 255p. Existing ordinary shares fell 7p to 373p. The A shares were up 4p at 344p.

Hammerson's is the latest in a flurry of cash-raising exercises in the property sector. Two months ago, Slough Estates tapped the market for £147.3 million, Land Securities issued £150 million in convertible bonds earlier this month, and last week Brixton Estates launched a £100 million call.

After the rights, Hammerson's shareholders' funds-to-borrowings ratio will fall from 114 per cent to 69 per cent. The group also believes the move will give it flexibility in managing any disposals.

Mr Spinney said he was helped in his review by not being emotionally attached to assets he did not create. He said: "I don't bring any baggage with me. There are no sacred cows. Everything will be reviewed." However, he said Hammerson would retain its international profile. He felt the UK property market, accounting for more than 40 per cent of the group's portfolio, had bottomed out and was on a tentative upturn.

Other areas of exposure, such as Canada and mainland Europe, tended to lag the UK by up to nine months, he said. The last to recover would probably be Australia.

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CBI presents Clarke with economic bonus on his first day

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

KENNETH Clarke, the new Chancellor, is today presented on his first day in office with an optimistic forecast from the Confederation of British Industry. The CBI has improved its estimate of growth in the economy to 1.6 per cent for this year but warns that inflation is set to rise sharply.

Despite raising its prediction for growth from 1.4 per cent because of better than expected economic performance this year, it warns Mr Clarke that the recession in Europe poses a short-term threat to recovery in Britain.

In its latest monthly trends survey of manufacturers, the CBI says that a substantial improvement in export orders has raised output expectations to their highest level for more than four years.

While companies' total order books improved in May, 36 per cent still reported orders below their normal level. Export orders are stronger, reflecting the improved performance of sterling since its enforced withdrawal from the European exchange-rate mechanism while Norman Lamont was Chancellor.

Manufacturers forecast a marked improvement in output over the next four months. The balance of companies — those expecting an increase set against those predicting a fall — believe output will increase from 14 to 23 per cent.

But given a high stock level, CBI analysts believe that expected levels of output may not be realised if manufacturers meet their improving orders by destocking.

On the basis of its latest figures from manufacturers, the CBI is revising upwards its economic forecasts

Andrew Sentance, the CBI's economic director and one of the Treasury's panel of "seven wise men" economic advisers, said: "The improved competitiveness of British industry will contribute substantially to growth this year and next, with manufacturing output forecast to outpace the rest of the economy."

But the CBI warned that the "main threat" to recovery remained the deepening recession elsewhere in Europe, which threatened to hold back the pace of growth in the UK and inhibit improvement in Britain's balance of payments deficit.

The principal points of the CBI's latest forecast include:

☐ Output. Gross domestic product is forecast to rise by 1.6 per cent in 1993 and 2.6 per cent in 1994. The CBI's previous output forecasts were 1.4 and 2.4 per cent respectively.

☐ Investment. Across the whole economy, investment is expected to fall by 0.1 per cent this year and by 2.6 per cent in 1994, reflecting the still-low levels of investment in the recession so far.

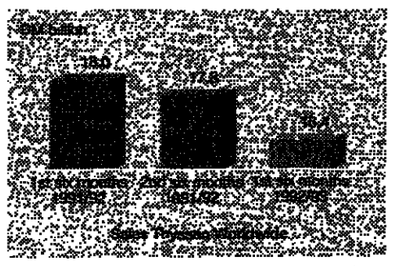
☐ Inflation. The CBI forecasts a sharp increase next year, with the headline rate rising from 1.6 per cent by the end of 1993 to as high as 4 per cent by the following year — though this is stil within the Treasury's target range.

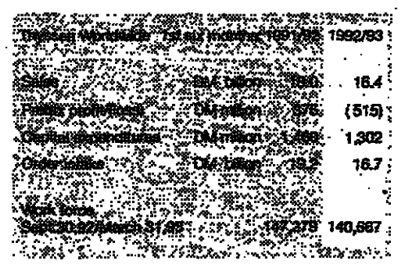
☐ Unemployment. Manufacturers are forecast to shed jobs much more slowly, with employment forecast to stabilise and even to start to rise modestly later this year.

Sharp Earnings Drop Due to Steel Crisis

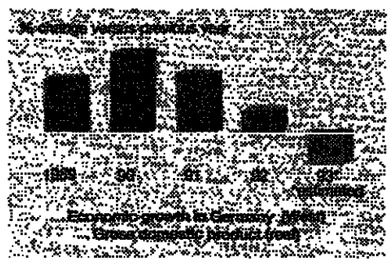
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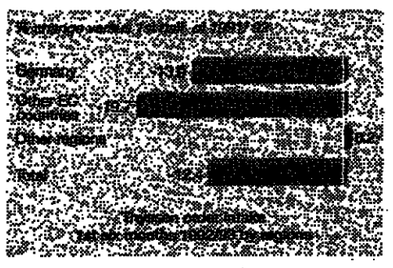
from October 1, 1992 to March 31, 1993 (unaudited)





		1992/93
Sales	DM billion	16.4
Pretax profit/loss	DM million	(515)
Capital expenditures	DM million	1,302
Order backlog	DM billion	16.7
Work force, Germany, March 31/93		140,667



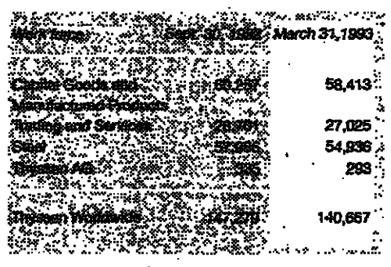




Sales in DM million	1992/93
Capital Goods and Manufactured Products	5,778
Trading and Services	6,828
Steel	5,168
Thyssen Industrie Group	17,774
Sales among Business Groups	1,334
Thyssen Worldwide	16,440



The decrease mainly affected the domestic companies. Short-time work has risen sharply, especially at Thyssen Stahl and a number of Thyssen Industrie business sectors reliant on the auto industry.



	March 31,1993
Capital Goods and Manufactured Products	58,413
Trading and Services	27,025
Steel	54,936
Thyssen AG	293
Thyssen Worldwide	140,667

Sales

Recession in Germany and especially the continuing steel crisis were the factors governing business in the Thyssen Group during the first six months of 1992/93. At DM 16.4 billion, Group sales were 9 percent lower than in the corresponding period of the previous year.

Sales by Capital Goods and Manufactured Products were down 1 percent from the previous year. At Thyssen Industrie, the receding domestic economy impacted increasingly. Although sales were only 3 percent lower, due to the involcing of major contracts, order influx declined as much as 13 percent. Plunging sales by the German auto industry had repercussions on Thyssen Guss and Thyssen Umformtechnik, business sectors mainly involved inmanufacturing motor vehicle components and, in part, on Thyssen Maschinenbau. Thyssen Aufzüge continued to expand. The two shipyards were busy, too.

The Budd Company increased its sales in US dollars by 14 percent. This company is benefiting from the gradual recovery of the American automotive industry, in particular strong demand for light trucks.

Sales by the Wülfrath Group fell 7 percent, mainly due to the troubled situation in the steel industry. In contrast, business in building industry products was better.

Trading and Services was likewise affected by the weak economy in Germany and other important trading nations. Sales during the period were 8 percent down, mainly due to the situation in the recycling, production materials, and fuels business sectors. Demand for forwarding and maintenance services was also down. Building and construction products, and project management continued to do well.

Since October 1, 1992, the previously separately managed Specialty Steel Business Group has been a part of the Steel Business Group. Sales by this now extended Business Group in the first half of fiscal year were down 19 percent from the comparable figure for the previous year. With demand weak, revenues still continued to contract. Crude steel production was downscaled by 22 percent. Rolled steel output was predominately down by double-digit figures, too, especially in the case of long products.

Work force

At the end of March 1993, Thyssen Worldwide employed almost 141,000 people, of which more than 113,000 were working at companies within Germany. Compared with September 30, 1992, the Group work force was down by 5 percent.

Capital expenditures

During the first half of 1992/93, Thyssen invested DM 1.3 billion, of which DM 0.9 billion was accounted for additions to tangible and intangible assets. Capital expenditure in Germany reached DM 1.0 billion, while DM 0.3 billion was invested abroad. The largest individual item of expenditure was building the new second large blast furnace at Schwelgern. Another main expenditure was the extension of the elevator business by acquiring two fairly large companies in France and the United States.

Result

The income position has worsened significantly. The cause was a sharp loss by the Steel Business Group. Capital Goods and Manufactured Products, and Trading and Services again made profits, which however, because of the recession, showed appreciable declines in certain areas. The Group's pretax result for the period showed a loss of DM 515 million.

Order situation

General economic recession and the steel crisis depressed order influx in the Thyssen Group by 12 percent in the first half of fiscal 1992/93. Order influx was especially weak from Germany and the other EC countries. In contrast, orders from third countries were maintained at the level of the previous year, partly because of sizable though keenly contested contracts from the Far East. By the end of March, orders on hand in the Group had reached DM 12.8 billion.

Outlook

The general economic outlook continues to be unfavorable for the time being. The western German economy is in the middle of a recession and almost all sectors of industry are in the doldrums. Stagnation is the prevailing mood in Western Europe, while Eastern Europe is in the process of restructuring. The only regions showing any signs of growth are parts of Asia and Latin America as well as, with ups and downs, the United States.

In terms of income, Thyssen expects the second half of the fiscal year 1992/93 to show an appreciable improvement. These expectations are founded on buoyancy in certain areas of the broadly based range of products and services at Thyssen Industrie, Budd and Thyssen Handelsunion, as well as the planned streamlining measures in the Steel Business Group.

Three elements in the second half of 1992/93 are playing a part in improving the extraordinarily negative situation in the steel sector:

- Nitial approaches toward implementation of the restructuring program agreed between the European Commission and the European steel industry.

- Successful implementation of the price increases put into effect as of April 1, 1993, and the envisaged realization of a second price increase as of July 1, 1993. Nonetheless, both will only partly compensate for plunging prices in 1991 and 1992.

- Consistent and rapid implementation of the income improving restructuring measures at Thyssen Stahl, with considerable effects on personnel expenses. By September 30, 1993, the work force in the Steel Business Group will have been cut back by about 5,600. On an annual basis, this is equivalent to a cost-cutting of almost DM 400 million. As of September 30, 1992, the work force had already been reduced by about 1,600 compared with the previous year.

Despite all the measures underway, the statement made at the annual general meeting of Thyssen AG still holds true that 1992/1993 will be an extraordinarily difficult year for the Thyssen Group.

Agreements on guaranteed dividends

Thyssen Industrie AG: 6/10 of the respective Thyssen AG dividend. Despite declining order influx, there suit is still definitely positive.
Edelstahlwerk Witten AG: for a DM 100 share of stock, the same dividend as for two DM 50 shares of Thyssen AG.
Stahlwerke Bochum AG: for a DM 100 share of stock, 2/3 of the dividend payable on each DM 100 of Thyssen AG's capital stock, or at least DM 6.00.
Edelstahlwerk Witten AG and Stahlwerke Bochum AG exercise no business activities of their own.

THYSSEN

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Hongkong Telecom dials up 13% rise

Hongkong Telecom, 58.5 per cent owned by Cable and Wireless, reported a 13 per cent rise in net profits to HK$6.4 billion (£541 million) for the year to March 31 (Lulu Yu writes from Hong Kong).

Mike Gale, chief executive, attributed the improvement to strong business growth in Hong Kong and China. International turnover rose by 23 per cent, and traffic between Hong Kong and China by 37 per cent. Revenues from mainland China accounted for 44 per cent of international turnover, which made up 63 per cent of total turnover.

Doubling up

Sanderson Murray & Elder, a Yorkshire-based motor distributor, plans to double in size with the proposed acquisition of the Skipper group of dealerships from RTZ for £25.8 million. The purchase is being partly funded through a ten-for-nine rights issue, at 102p a share. Skipper, which has 11 dealerships, made a pre-tax loss of £1.05 million in 1992.

Two-way deal

Hoskins, the USM-quoted brewery, pub, hotel and country club operator is paying £4.3 million to companies owned by Adam Page for the Fatty Arbuckles bars at Wolverhampton, Stafford and Newcastle-under-Lyme. In return, Mr Page is offering 55p per share for Hoskins and becomes chairman and chief executive of the reshaped group.

Profit halved

Pre-tax profits of Macdonald Martin Distilleries, makers of Glenmorangie malt whisky, almost halved, to £4.35 million (£8.57 million) in the 12 months to March 31. A final dividend of 3.30p makes an unchanged total of 4.40p.

Mail sale

Bowater, the paper group, has sold Checks in the Mail, a US subsidiary specialising in direct mail, to MB-Caradon for £57 million. Bowater shares added 2p to 484p; MB-Caradon eased 5p to 302p. Checks in the Mail made profits of £2.4 million last year.

STOCK MARKET

Hopes of room for rate cuts pep up share prices

HOPES that the appointment of a new Chancellor of the Exchequer might provide scope for a further round of interest rate cuts put some pep back into share prices.

However, this latest burst of euphoria proved to be half-hearted. The FT-SE 100 Index recovered from an early markdown and was almost 14 points higher by the time the Cabinet reshuffle had been confirmed. It ended the day 8.4 points ahead at 2,855.3, helped a by another firm start to trading on Wall Street. Turnover reached a healthy 660 million shares.

The City has been calling for some time for Norman Lamont to be replaced as Chancellor. The appointment of Kenneth Clarke was given a cautious welcome. But although investors may have more faith in Mr Clarke, it is felt that his scope for whipping the economy into shape will be just as limited as that of Mr Lamont. It is felt unlikely that the government's monetary policy will be altered dramatically by the reshuffle.

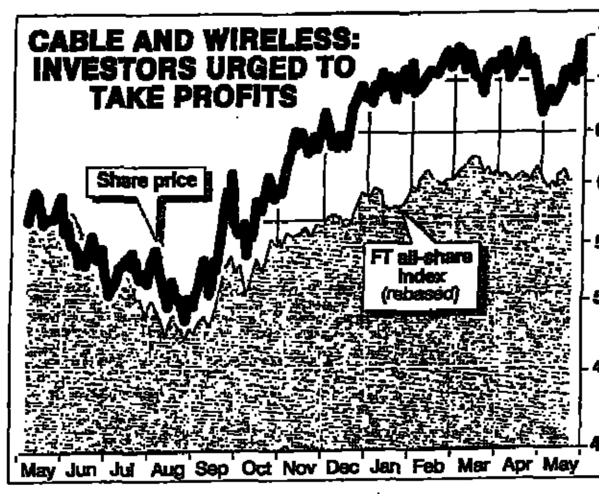
The economic recovery may be under way, but the going in some areas remains tough, as reflected by this week's decision to call in the receivers at Speyhawk, the property developer.

The building sector has also been looking fragile again, with the industry continuing to ponder on the gloomy trading statement from **Blue Circle Industries**, down 3p at 250p, earlier this week. NatWest Securities added to the gloom by taking a bearish view of construction contractors and becoming less enthusiastic about the housebuilders. Its views may have struck a chord.

Losses were recorded in **Barratt Developments**, 3p to 139p, **Bellway**, 6p to 401p, **Berkeley Group**, 12p to 403p, **Bryant Group**, 4p to 140p, **Crest Nicholson**, 3p to 65p, **John Mowlem**, 3p to 116p, **Persimmon**, 6p to 287p, **Prowting**, 3p to 135p, **Taylor Woodrow**, 2p to 105p, and **George Wimpey**, 4p to 171p.

The power generators responded positively to impressive full-year figures from **National Power**, up 6p at 341p. The rise in pre-tax profits from £514 million to £580 million reflected the benefits of earlier cost cutting. Investors were also cheered by a better than expected increase in the final dividend. But the group said that turnover was continuing at lower levels and that prospects for earnings growth were less certain.

Gains were also registered in **PowerGen**, 7p to 353p,



agm. There were also gains for **Asda**, 1p to 70½p, **Iceland Frozen Foods**, 2p to 713p, and **J. Sainsbury**, 12p to 487p.

The independent television broadcasters attracted speculative support on reports that the government is reviewing the rules that prevent television companies from taking over each other. **Anglia Televison** jumped 9p to 296p, **Carlton Communications** 17p to 756p, **Central Independent Television** 15p to £18.88,

Zeneca's advisers have earned their fees this week, with the grey market price clawing back some of its losses ahead of today's *extraordinary general meeting to approve the demerger*. But Zeneca has fallen sharply on both the official and unofficial grey markets and was looking tired last night, closing ½p firmer at 640p. The institutions remain unimpressed.

Scottish Power, 5p to 319p and **Scottish Hydro**, 4p to 339p. The food retailers enjoyed an overdue rally as dealers took the view that the sector had been oversold. The food retailers and manufacturers have been the worst performers among the FT-SE 100 Index in recent months although traders remain adamant that they offer good value.

Argyll, the Safeway supermarket chain, which unveiled figures earlier this week, jumped 8½p to 336½p. **Kwik Save Discount** was unchanged at 776p after reporting this week, while **Tesco** rose 7p to 220p ahead of today's

Grampian Television A 5p to 194p, **HTV Group** 4p to 50p, **Ulster TV** 20p to 414p and **Yorkshire TV** 3p to 183p.

Inchcape, the overseas trader, hardened a further 11p to 587p as Kleinwort Benson reiterated its buy recommendation. Kleinwort has also been busily pushing **Lasmo**, 2p better at 153p.

Reuters added 21p at £13.73 in response to a buy recommendation from Goldman Sachs, the American securities house, whose views generated overnight support from investors in New York.

Grand Metropolitan rose 8p to 395p after UBS deleted the shares from its list of sell recommendations and put them on hold. Elsewhere in the drinks sector, **Guinness** recovered some of its poise after Wednesday's cautious statement on current trading prospects. This followed a presentation for brokers and fund managers.

Cable and Wireless ran into profit-taking, sliding 6p to 741p as brokers began digesting full-year figures from the group's Hong Kong Telecom subsidiary, which weighed in with pre-tax profits 15 per cent higher. In spite of a better than expected performance from HKT, some brokers, such as Warburg Securities, are urging clients to top-slice their holdings.

Babcock International, the engineering group, firmed ¼p to 35p in spite of recording a drop in pre-tax profits last year from £56 million to £21 million. The group blamed the setback on difficult trading conditions and £13 million of restructuring charges. The current trading outlook was described as less than satisfactory. Babcock intends to axe up to 450 jobs at its energy's division at Renfrew near Glasgow in the next four months.

Hammerson, the property developer, fell 12p to 668p, with the A shares 1p lighter at 349p, after announcing plans to raise almost £200 million by way of a fully underwritten rights issue. The terms are seven-for-15 at 255p per A *share and 285p per ordinary* share. Standard Life, which owns 23.6 per cent of the company, intends to take up its full entitlement. The money will be used to strengthen the balance sheet and reduce gearing.

SG Warburg, the merchant banking and financial securities house, breached the £7 level with a rise of 23p to 717p after turning in preliminary results at the top end of expectations. Pre-tax profits were down from £166.3 million to £148.2 million, reflecting a strong second half recovery.

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TOKYO

Nikkei fails to stay above the 21,000 level

Tokyo — *Shares ended mixed* in nervous trading on a rallying yen. The Nikkei average flirted with 21,000, but failed to close above that level.

Active buying by foreign investors cheered sentiment earlier, but profit-taking and arbitrage-related selling capped the top side, brokers reported.

Masahiko Tsuyuzaki, of Tachibana Securities, said: "Investors bought earlier, simply on purchases by foreigners, not economic fundamentals." The Nikkei average was down 43.36 points, or 0.21 per cent, to 20,852.63, with an estimated 750 million shares traded. However, the broader Topix index was up 13.99 points, or 0.85 per cent, to 1,653.71, a new year's high.

The market opened higher and the Nikkei exceeded 21,000 in three minutes. It extended gains until midday, but was often pressed by arbitrage unwinding.

It peaked, up 209.92 points, at 21,105.91 in late morning. The market started to give up gains in the afternoon as profit-taking started and the Nikkei drifted lower, falling 109.52 points in late afternoon.

☐ **Hong Kong** — The Hang Seng index rose 97.52 points, or 1.33 per cent, to close at a record of 7,447.24 after reports that the Sino-British airport committee would meet soon, brokers said. A statement issued after the market had closed said that the committee would meet on June 4.

☐ **Singapore** — The Straits Times industrial index set a new closing high of 1,885.91, up 17.27 points from Wednesday, on active buying of blue chips. The previous record closing high of 1,878.01 was set on May 18.

☐ **Sydney** — Shares surged to a three-and-a-half year high, boosted by blue chips and a strong recovery in the futures contract. The all-ordinaries index soared 31.7 points, or 1.85 per cent, to end at 1749.1, its highest close since it reached 1755.8 on October 10, 1989. *(Reuter)*

WALL STREET

New York — Wall Street shares were higher in early trading, but analysts said that the markets were on hold, waiting to see whether President Clinton's deficit-reduc*tion plan makes it through the* House of Representatives. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 19.38 points to 3,559.54. Advancing issues led declining shares nine to eight. Hugh Johnson, chief investment officer with *First* Albany, said: "Both stocks and bonds are on hold waiting for the outcome of the vote."

☐ **Frankfurt** — Shares ended just off their day's highs as the market consolidated its early gains. The Dax index ended up 12.47 points at 1,634.47, its highest close for almost two weeks. *(Reuter)*

	May 27 midday	May 26 close
AMP Inc	62	61¾
AMR Corp	71¾	72
Abbott Labs	27⅞	27¾
Aetna Life	53⅞	54¼
Ahmanson (HF)	18⅞	18⅞
Air Prod & Chem	44¾	43⅞
Albertsons	55⅞	55
Alcan Aluminm	19¾	19¾
Alco Standard	48⅞	48½
Allied Signal	67	67
Alum Co of Am	68⅞	68⅞
Amax	22	22¼
Amerada Hess	54¼	55⅞
Amer Brands	33½	33⅞
Amer Cyanamid	51⅞	52
Amer El Power	34⅞	35
Amer Express	29	28⅞
Amer Genl Corp	31¼	31¼
Amer Home Pr	66¼	66½
Amer Intl	130⅛	129⅞
Amer Stores	43¾	43⅞
Amer T & T	62	62
Ameritech	72⅞	72⅞
Amoco	55⅞	55⅞
Anheuser-Busch	52⅞	52⅞
Apple Computer	57⅞	57⅞
Archer Daniels	23⅞	23⅞
Arkla	10	10
Armco	7⅞	7⅞
Armstrng Wrld	29⅞	30⅞
Asarco	20⅞	20⅞
Ashland Oil	26⅞	25⅞
Atl Richfield	124½	123⅞
Auto Data Pro	50⅞	50⅞
Avery Dennison	30⅞	30⅞
Avon Products	56⅞	56⅞
Baker Hughes	28⅞	28⅞
Baldwin Gas & El	25	25
Banc One	53⅞	53⅞
BankAmerica	44⅞	45⅞
Bank of NY	55⅞	55⅞
Bankers Tr NY	72⅞	72⅞
Barnett Banks	46⅞	46⅞
Bausch & Lomb	52⅞	53⅞
Baxter Intl	29⅞	30⅞
Becton Dickson	38⅞	38⅞
Bell Atlantic	54⅞	54⅞
BellSouth	52⅞	52⅞
Black & Decker	19⅞	19⅞
Block (H&R)	35⅞	34⅞
Boeing	40⅞	40
Boise Cascade	26⅞	26⅞
Borden Inc	20⅞	20⅞
Bristol Myrs Sq	59⅞	60⅞
Browning Ferris	27	27⅞
Burlington Nthn	54⅞	54⅞
CBS	239⅞	239⅞
CNA Financial	90	90
CPC Intl	43⅞	43⅞
CSX	70⅞	70⅞
Campbell Soup	40⅞	40⅞
Can Pacific	16⅞	16⅞
Cptl Cities ABC	529⅞	532⅞
Cptl Holdings	37⅞	37⅞
Carolina Pwr	31⅞	32⅞
Caterpillar	72⅞	70⅞
Central & SW	31⅞	31⅞
Champion Intl	33⅞	33⅞
Chase Manhat	31⅞	31⅞
Chemical Bk	38⅞	39⅞
Chevron Corp	87⅞	84⅞
Chrysler	44⅞	44⅞
Chubb Corp	86⅞	86⅞
Cigna Corp	59⅞	60
Citicorp	28⅞	28⅞
Clorox	50⅞	50⅞
Coastal Corp	26⅞	27⅞
Coca Cola	41⅞	41⅞
Colgate-Palmolive	59⅞	60
Columbia Gas	23⅞	23⅞
Commonw Ed	26⅞	27⅞
Compaq Comp	58⅞	59⅞
Comp Ass Intl	28⅞	29⅞
Conagra	25⅞	26⅞
Cons Edison	34	34
Cons Nat Gas	51⅞	51⅞
Cons Rail	53⅞	53⅞
Cooper Inds	50⅞	50⅞
Corning Inc	33⅞	33⅞
Crown Cork	37⅞	37⅞
Dana Corp	52⅞	52⅞
Dayton Hudson	72⅞	72⅞
Deere	63⅞	63
Delta Air Lines	59⅞	59⅞
Deluxe Corp	46⅞	46⅞
Detroit Edison	34⅞	34⅞
Digital Equip	46	45⅞
Dillard Dept St	40⅞	40⅞
Disney (Walt)	44⅞	44⅞
Dominion Res	42⅞	43⅞
Donelley (RR)	30⅞	30⅞
Dover Corp	47⅞	47⅞
Dow Chemicals	56⅞	56⅞
Dow Jones	29⅞	30
Dresser	22⅞	23
Duke Power	39	39⅞
Dun & Bradstreet	59⅞	59⅞
Du Pont	53⅞	53⅞
Eastman Kodak	52⅞	52⅞
Eaton Corp	89	88

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Emerson Elec	60⅞	60⅞
Engelhard Corp	36⅞	36⅞
Enron Corp	56⅞	55⅞
Entergy Corp	34⅞	34⅞
Ethyl Corp	29⅞	29⅞
Exxon	64⅞	64⅞
FMC Corp	45⅞	45⅞
FPL Group	37⅞	37⅞
Federal Express	49⅞	49⅞
Fed Nat Mtge	78⅞	78
First Chicago	39⅞	39
First Interstate	59⅞	60
First Union Rlty	10⅞	10⅞
Fleet Fnl Grp	31⅞	31⅞
Fluor Corp	40	39⅞
Ford Motor	52⅞	52⅞
GTE Corp	35⅞	36⅞
Gannett	52⅞	53⅞
Gap Inc Del	35⅞	36⅞
Gen Cinema	35⅞	35⅞
Gen Dynamics	95⅞	95⅞
Gen Electric	94⅞	93
Gen Mills	66⅞	66
Gen Motors	40⅞	40
Gen Reinsurance	115	114⅞
Gen Signal	64⅞	62
Genuine Parts	36⅞	36⅞
Georgia Pac	65⅞	65⅞
Gillette	52	52
Glaxo ADR	18⅞	19⅞
Goodrich (BF)	46⅞	46⅞
Goodyear Tire	40⅞	40⅞
Grace (W&R)	40	40
Grt Atl Pac Tea	32	32
Great Wstn Fin	16⅞	16⅞
Halliburton	40⅞	41
Heinz (HJ)	37⅞	38⅞
Hercules	73	71⅞
Hershey Foods	53⅞	53⅞
Hewlett Packard	85⅞	86⅞
Hilton Hotels	49	49
Home Depot	46⅞	46⅞
Homestake Mng	17⅞	17⅞
Honeywell	37⅞	37⅞
Household Intl	70⅞	69⅞
Houston Inds	44⅞	44⅞
Humana	11⅞	11⅞
ITT Corp	84⅞	84
Illinois Tool	73	72⅞
INCO	23	22⅞
Ingersoll Rand	34⅞	34⅞
Inland Steel	26⅞	26⅞
Intel Corp	112	110⅞
IBM	53⅞	52⅞
Intl Flav & Fr	117⅞	117⅞
Intl Paper	67⅞	67⅞
James River Va	22⅞	22⅞
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	44⅞	45⅞
K Mart	23	22⅞
Kellogg	53⅞	53⅞
Kerr-McGee	51⅞	51⅞
Kimberly-Clark	47⅞	47⅞
Knight-Ridder	56⅞	57
Lilly (Eli)	50⅞	50⅞
Limited Inc	24⅞	24⅞
LIN Brdcstng	96	95⅞
Lincoln Nat	79⅞	78⅞
Litton	59⅞	59⅞
Liz Claiborne	34⅞	34⅞
Lockheed Corp	60⅞	60⅞
Louisiana Pac	69⅞	69
MCI Commun	52⅞	53⅞
Marriott	25⅞	25⅞
Marsh & McLnn	90⅞	90⅞
Masco Corp	32	32
May Dept St	74⅞	74⅞
Maytag Corp	15⅞	15⅞
McCaw Cellular	42⅞	43
McDonalds	49⅞	50
McDonnell D	65⅞	64⅞
McGraw Hill	58⅞	58⅞
Mead Corp	46⅞	45⅞
Medtronic	68⅞	68
Mellon Bk	55⅞	55⅞
Melville Corp	47⅞	46⅞
Merck Inc	38⅞	39
Merrill Lynch	76⅞	76⅞
Minnesota Mine	114⅞	114⅞
Mobil Corp	70	69⅞
Monsanto	59	58
Morgan (JP)	67⅞	67⅞
Motorola Inc	83⅞	82⅞
Natl Medical	9⅞	9⅞
Natl Semi	14⅞	14⅞
Natl Service Ind	26	25⅞
Navistar Int	2⅞	2⅞
NBD Bancorp	31⅞	31⅞
NY Times A	28⅞	29
Newmont Mng	51⅞	50⅞
Niag Mohawk	22⅞	22⅞
Nike B	74⅞	74⅞
NL Industries	4	4⅞
Nordstrom	30⅞	30⅞
Norfolk Sthrn	62⅞	62⅞
Nthn State Pwr	44⅞	44⅞
Norwest Corp	51⅞	51⅞
Nynex Corp	82⅞	81⅞
Occidental Pet	22⅞	22⅞
Ohio Edison	24⅞	24⅞
Oracle Systems	43⅞	43⅞

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Oryx Energy Co	22	22⅞
Owens Corning	42	41⅞
PNC Financial	32⅞	32⅞
PPG Industries	73⅞	73⅞
Paccar Inc	56⅞	56⅞
Pacificorp	17⅞	17⅞
Pac Enterprises	23⅞	23⅞
Pac Gas & Elect	34⅞	34⅞
Pac Telesis	47⅞	46⅞
Pall Corp	19⅞	19⅞
Panhandle East	21⅞	21⅞
Paramnt Comm	53⅞	53
Parker Hannifin	32⅞	32⅞
Penney (JC)	48	46⅞
Pennzoil	63⅞	64⅞
Pepsico	36⅞	36⅞
Pfizer	73⅞	73⅞
Phelps Dodge	46⅞	47
Philadel Elec	29⅞	29⅞
Philip Morris	51⅞	51⅞
Phillips Pet	30⅞	30⅞
Pitney Bowes	43	42⅞
Polaroid	35⅞	35⅞
Price Co	28⅞	29
Primerica	47⅞	47⅞
Procter & Gmbl	49⅞	49⅞
Pub Serv E & G	33⅞	33⅞
Quaker Oats	73⅞	74⅞
Ralston Purina	45⅞	45⅞
Raychem Corp	45⅞	43⅞
Raytheon	55⅞	55⅞
Reebok Intl	36⅞	36⅞
Reynolds Metals	46⅞	46⅞
Roadway Srvcs	54⅞	54⅞
Rockwell Intl	31⅞	31⅞
Rohm & Haas	56⅞	56⅞
Royal Dutch	93⅞	92⅞
Rubbermaid	32	31⅞
Safeco Corp	56⅞	55⅞
St Paul's Cos	80⅞	80⅞
Salomon Inc	37⅞	36⅞
Santa Fe S Pac	17⅞	17⅞
Sara Lee Corp	27	26⅞
Scecorp	48⅞	48⅞
Schering Plough	67⅞	68⅞
Schlumberger	65⅞	66⅞
Scott Paper	36⅞	36⅞
Seagram	29⅞	30⅞
Sears Roebuck	54⅞	54⅞
Shell Trans	57⅞	57⅞
Sherwin Wlms	31⅞	31⅞
Skyline Corp	17⅞	17⅞
Snap-On-Tools	37⅞	38
Southern Co	40⅞	40⅞
Sthwestern Bell	38⅞	37⅞
Sprint Corp	32⅞	32⅞
Stanley Works	45⅞	45⅞
Sun Company	25⅞	25⅞
Suntrust	45⅞	44⅞
Supervalu	34⅞	34⅞
Syntex Corp	19⅞	19⅞
Sysco Corp	26⅞	26⅞
TRW Inc	68⅞	68
Tandem Comp	13⅞	13
Tandy Corp	32	31⅞
Telecom Corp	2⅞	2⅞
Teledyne	19⅞	19⅞
Temple Inland	45⅞	45⅞
Tenneco	49	48⅞
Texaco	64	63⅞
Texas Inst	66⅞	66
Texas Utilities	46⅞	47
Textron	51⅞	50⅞
Time Warner	37⅞	38
Times-Mirror	31⅞	31
Timken	32	31⅞
Torchmark	51⅞	53
Toys R Us	39⅞	39⅞
Transamerica	49⅞	49⅞
Travelers Corp	28⅞	28⅞
Tribune	54	54⅞
Tyco Labs	41⅞	41
UAL Corp	135⅞	138
UST Inc	30⅞	30⅞
USX Marathon	19⅞	19⅞
Unilever NV	108⅞	108
Union Camp	45	45⅞
Union Carbide	19⅞	19⅞
Union Pacific	63⅞	63⅞
Unisys Corp	11⅞	11⅞
USAir Group	22	22⅞
USF&G Corp	16⅞	16⅞
US Life	39⅞	39⅞
US West	42⅞	42⅞
United Tech	53⅞	52⅞
Unocal Corp	31⅞	31⅞
Upjohn	29⅞	30
VF Corp	50	50
Wal-Mart Stores	27⅞	28⅞
Warner-Lambert	74⅞	75⅞
Waste Mgmnt Inc	32⅞	32⅞
Wells Fargo	106	107⅞
Westinghouse El	15⅞	15⅞
Weyerhaeuser	45⅞	45⅞
Whirlpool	54⅞	55⅞
Whitman	14⅞	14
Winn Dixie	58⅞	59⅞
Woolworth	29⅞	29⅞
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	35⅞	35⅞
Xerox	76⅞	75⅞

BRITISH FUNDS

GOVERNMENT securities ended virtually unchanged after giving a muted response to Norman Lamont's resignation as Chancellor. An initial rally, after the Cabinet reshuffle, boosted by some follow-on from Wednesday's gilt auction was short-lived.

The news removed uncertainty after much speculation, but the initial reaction by gilt dealers was that Kenneth Clarke, the new Chancellor, may come in and cut interest rates, with short sterling and the pound going easier. But bonds fell back as dealers came to the conclusion that monetary policy would not alter dramatically after the reshuffle.

The gilt future touched a high of £105⅛ before drifting back to the £104½ support level and eventually closing unchanged at £104 25/32 on a volume of 36,000 contracts traded.

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
103⅞	100⅞	Treas 12% 1993	100⅞	...	12.38	5.96
100⅞	99⅞	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	5.64
106⅞	103⅞	Treas 13¾% 1993	103⅞ †	...	13.34	5.51
102⅞	101⅞	Treas 8¼% 1994	101⅞	...	8.34	5.71
109⅞	106⅞	Treas 14½% 1994	106⅞	...	13.62	5.72
109⅞	106⅞	Exch 13½% 1994	106⅞	...	12.63	5.74
105⅞	104⅞	Treas 10% 1994	104⅞ †	+ ⅛	9.60	5.74
110⅞	107⅞	Exch 12½% 1994	107⅞	+ ⅛	11.59	5.90
105⅞	103⅞	Treas 9% 1994	104⅞	+ ⅛	8.64	6.05
111⅞	108⅞	Treas 12% 1995	109⅞	+ ⅛	11.00	6.19
96⅞	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	95⅞	...	3.14	5.41
109⅞	107⅞	Exch 10¼% 1995	107⅞	+ ⅛	9.51	6.36
116⅞	113⅞	Treas 12¾% 1995	114⅞	...	11.17	6.44
120⅞	117⅞	Treas 14% 1996	117⅞	...	11.92	6.72
125⅞	121⅞	Treas 15¼% 1996	121⅞	+ ⅛	12.50	6.86
120⅞	116⅞	Exch 13¼% 1996	116⅞	...	11.34	6.86
111⅞	108⅞	Conv 10% 1996	109⅞	+ ⅛	9.14	6.89
122⅞	118⅞	Treas 13¼% 1997	119⅞	+ ⅛	11.09	7.11
113⅞	110⅞	Exch 10½% 1997	111⅞	+ ⅛	9.45	7.06
108⅞	105⅞	Treas 8¾% 1997	106⅞	+ ⅛	8.25	7.07
132⅞	127⅞	Exch 15% 1997	128⅞	+ ⅛	11.70	7.39
112⅞	109⅞	Exch 9¾% 1998	109⅞	+ ⅛	8.89	7.28
103⅞	99⅞	Treas 7¼% 1998	100⅞	+ ⅛	7.20	7.08
101	97⅞	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	98⅞	+ ⅛	6.84	7.06
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
138⅞	133⅞	Treas 15½% 1998	134⅞	+ ⅛	11.55	7.59
122⅞	118⅞	Exch 12% 1998	119⅞	+ ⅛	10.07	7.65
112⅞	108⅞	Treas 9½% 1999	109	+ ⅛	8.72	7.52
124⅞	120⅞	Exch 12¼% 1999	120⅞	+ ⅛	10.14	7.75
117⅞	112⅞	Treas 10½% 1999	113⅞	+ ⅛	9.24	7.59
117⅞	112⅞	Conv 10¼% 1999	113 †	+ ⅛	9.07	7.65
110⅞	106	Conv 9% 2000	107⅞	- ⅛	8.40	7.61
131	125⅞	Treas 13% 2000	126⅞	- ⅛	10.27	8.04
115⅞	109⅞	Treas 10% 2001	111⅞	- ⅛	8.96	7.96
129⅞	125⅞	Treas 14% 1998-01	125⅞ †	...	11.14	7.71
114⅞	108⅞	Treas 9¾% 2002	110⅞	- ⅛	8.81	8.09
103⅞	97⅞	Treas 8% 2003	99⅞ †	- ⅛	8.01	8.01
116⅞	109⅞	Treas 10% 2003	112⅞	- ⅛	8.91	8.20

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
122⅞	116⅞	Treas 11½% 2001-04	118⅞	- ⅛	9.70	8.23
74⅞	67⅞	Fund 3½% 1999-04	70⅞	- ⅛	4.96	7.41
112⅞	105⅞	Conv 9½% 2004	108⅞	...	8.74	8.28
112⅞	105⅞	Conv 9½% 2005	108⅞	+ ⅛	8.74	8.31
131⅞	124⅞	Treas 12½% 2003-05	127	- ⅛	9.84	8.53
101⅞	94⅞	Treas 8% 2002-06	97⅞	- ⅛	8.21	8.31
125⅞	118⅞	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	121⅞	- ⅛	9.71	8.49
104⅞	97⅞	Treas 8½% 2007	100⅞	- ⅛	8.42	8.37
139⅞	131⅞	Treas 13½% 2004-08	134⅞	- ⅛	10.04	8.54
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
108⅞	101⅞	Treas 9% 2008	105	...	8.57	8.39
99⅞	92⅞	Treas 8% 2009	96⅞	- ⅛	8.31	8.43
108⅞	100⅞	Conv 9% 2011	104⅞	- ⅛	8.63	8.51
108⅞	100⅞	Treas 9% 2012	104⅞	...	8.63	8.52
76⅞	70⅞	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73⅞	...	7.45	8.21
97⅞	89⅞	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	92⅞	- ⅛	8.38	8.51
135⅞	125⅞	Exch 12% 2013-17	130⅞ †	...	9.18	8.74
105⅞	97⅞	Treas 8¾% 2017	101⅞	...	8.59	8.56
		UNDATED				
48⅞	43⅞	Consols 4%	46⅞	- ⅛	8.64	...
42⅞	38⅞	War Ln 3½%	40⅞ †	- ⅛	8.64	...
63	60⅞	Conv 3½%	61⅞	- ⅛	5.68	...
31⅞	28⅞	Consols 2½%	30⅞	+ ⅛	8.25	...
30⅞	27⅞	Treas 2½%	28⅞	- ⅛	8.64	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
133⅞	131⅞	Treas IL 2% 1994	133⅞	+ ⅛	...	1.47
197⅞	194⅞	Treas IL 2% 1996	196⅞	+ ⅛	2.03	2.85
109⅞	105⅞	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108	+ ⅛	2.42	3.04
166⅞	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165⅞	+ ⅛	2.88	3.24
163⅞	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	162	+ ⅛	2.99	3.29
111⅞	105⅞	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	110⅞	+ ⅛	3.08	3.38
170⅞	159⅞	Treas IL 2% 2006	168⅞	+ ⅛	3.11	3.34
154⅞	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	152⅞	+ ⅛	3.28	3.48
159⅞	148⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2011	157⅞	+ ⅛	3.35	3.54
131⅞	122⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2013	129⅞	+ ⅛	3.39	3.56
139⅞	130⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2016	138	+ ⅛	3.46	3.63
133⅞	124⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2020	132⅞	+ ⅛	3.51	3.65
111⅞	102⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2024	110⅞	+ ⅛	3.52	3.65
111⅞	103⅞	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	110⅞	+ ⅛	3.53	3.67

COMPANY BRIEFS

CITY OF LONDON PR (Fin)
Pre-tax: £585,000
EPS: 5.46p (4.78p)
Div: 2.35p, mkg 3.5p

Last time's profit was £521,000. Last time's total dividend was 3.18p. Turnover rose to £3.19m (£2.19m). Trading outlook is a little brighter.

MORLAND & CO (Int)
Pre-tax: £3.63m (£2.82m)
EPS: 11.9p (9.4p)
Div: 2.78p (2.42p)

Turnover grew to £24.1m (£18.8m). Sales of own ales up 22 per cent. Company said trading since the half year has been encouraging.

SOUTHNEWS (Fin)
Pre-tax: £1.58m
EPS: 6.59p (5.32p)
Div: 1.4p, mkg 2.1p

Last time's profit was £899,000. Last time's total dividend was 1.5p. *There was an exceptional profit of* £364,000. New year has started well.

MID KENT HLDGS (Fin)
Pre-tax: £6.17m (£7.21m)
EPS: 26.5p (31.7p)
Div: 5.75p, mkg 10.5p

Last time's total dividend was 9.5p. Reorganisation costs amounted to £2.06m (£1.06m). Turnover climbed to £31.1m (£29.1m).

J SMART & CO (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.04m (£1.58m)
EPS: 6.91p (10.5p)
Div: 2.3p (2.3p)

Turnover dropped to £5.9m (£7.1m). Group profits for the second half are not expected to be substantially different from the first half.

JACKSON GROUP (Fin)
Pre-tax: £166,000
EPS: 1.7p (LPS: 4.9p)
Div: 1p, mkg 1.5p (2p)

There was a loss of £1.55m last time. Turnover fell to £57.6m (£59.5m). Property disposals contracted in the current year already exceed £7m.

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

SG Warburg	717p (+23p)
Guinness	475p (+15p)
Mansfield	759p (+14p)
Morland	500p (+12p)
Carlton Comm	756p (+17p)
Ulster TV	414p (+20p)
Ranger	353p (+18p)
Leeds	503p (+12p)

FALLS:

Berkeley Group	403p (-12p)
Fairline Boats	320p (-27p)
British Land	303p (-11p)
MEPC	435p (-10p)

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RECENT ISSUES

Break for the Border (48)	56	...
Bruntcliffe Aggregates (25)	33	...
China Inv Trust (100)	95	-1
China Investment Wts	51	...
Division Group (40)	94	+9
Drew Scientific (105)	138	-2
Fleming Emg Mkts (100)	105½	+ ½
Gaelic Resources Wrts	1	...
Irish Continental	160	...
Oriental Smllr Co's Wts	47	...
Pilkington Warrants	34	- ½
Regent Inns (135)	154	...
Stagecoach (112)	128	+3
RIGHTS ISSUES		
BTP n/p (185)	55	+2

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PUBLIC NOTICES

BROWN, ETHEL FLORENCE BROWN, SPINSTER late of Byker Lodge, Bolom Way, Byker, Newcastle upon Tyne died at Newcastle on 1 February 1993 (Estate about £3,700)
The kin of the above named are requested to reply to Messrs. Walters, Solicitors, Pearl Assurance House, 7 New Bridge Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 8BJ (Ref:WLB)

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - of
Herbert Lees Rothwell
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St. Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX, quoting reference DGY-163651-CD-LDN3. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

TO the Clerk to the Licensing Justices for the Licensing District of Brent, sitting at Magistrates' Courts, Brent, The Court House, Church End, 448 High Road, Willesden, London NW10 2DZ.
TO the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, Kilburn Police Station, 38 Salusbury Road, Kilburn, London NW6 6NN.
TO The Town Clerk of the London Borough of Brent, Town Hall, Forty Lane, Wembley, Middlesex, HA9 9HD.
TO the Chief Officer, L.F.C.D.A., Marion House, 61/63 Staines Road, Hounslow Middlesex, TW4 5JQ
WE, GERARD GREALIS now residing at 22 Glebe Avenue, Kenton, Middlesex, having during the past six months carried on the trade or calling of Publican, and DAMIAN PATRICK MORGAN now residing at 127a High Street, Harlesden, London N.W.10, having during the past six months carried on the trade or calling of Bar Manager, and being persons interested in the premises described below do hereby give notice that it is our intention to apply at the Transfer Sessions for the said Division to be held at The Court House, Church End, 448 High Road, Willesden, London N.W.10, on the 15th day of June 1993, for the provisional grant to us of a justices' licence authorising us to sell by retail intoxicating liquor of all descriptions for consumption ON the premises about to be altered or extended for the purpose of being used as a house for the sale of intoxicating liquor situated at 127/129 High Street, Harlesden, London N.W.10 and to be known by the sign of ANGIES 1 of which premises ANGELA MARIE GREALIS is the owner of 127 High Street, Harlesden, London N.W.10, and GERARD GREALIS is the owner of 129 High Street, Harlesden, London N.W.10.
DATED this 4th day of May 1993
Hodders of 11 Station Road, Harlesden, London NW10 4LD. Solicitors and Agents for the Applicants

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
No.003367 of 1993
IN THE MATTER OF
RAGLAN PROPERTY TRUST P.L.C.
and IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACTS 1985 AND 1989
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 15th April 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of
(a) the capital of the above-named Company from £14,000,000 to £11,921,000 and
(b) the cancellation of the whole of the amount standing to the credit of the Share Premium Account
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr. Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2 on Wednesday 9th June 1993
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for confirmation of the said reduction of capital and cancellation of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose
A COPY of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED the 31st day of May 1993.
NORTON ROSE
Kempson House, P.O. Box 570, Camomile Street, London EC3A 7AN
Solicitors for the Company

LEGAL NOTICES

Chimerin (Meat Marketing) Ltd
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named company will be *held at 84 Grosvenor Street*, London, W1X 9DF at 11.30am on 11 June 1993 for the purposes of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the Administrative Receivers under Section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a committee to exercise the functions conferred on creditors' committees by or under the Act.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. Other creditors are entitled to vote if:-
They have delivered to us at 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF, no later than 12.00 hours on 10 June 1993 written details of the debts they claim to be due to them from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Rule 3.11 of the Insolvency Rules 1986; and
There has been lodged with us any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
Dated 24/5/93
S.V. Freakley
Joint Administrative Receiver

C Miskin & Sons Ltd
Registered Number: 119473. Trading name, C Miskin & Sons Ltd. Nature of business: Building Contractors. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of Administrative Receivers: 18 May 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: Gamlestaden Plc. Names of persons appointed: S V Freakley and L A Manning (office holder nos.008291 and 006477) both of Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF

GF (Europe) Limited
(Registered Number 2017283)
Notice is hereby given in accordance with section 175 of the Companies Act 1985 that:-
1 By a special resolution passed on 24th May, 1993 the above-named company has approved a payment out of capital for the purpose of acquiring its own shares by purchase.
2 The amount of the permissible capital payment for the shares in question is £280,000,000 or, if less, the pound sterling equivalent of A$635,000,000 on the date that the payment is made, in either case, less £21,000,000.
3. The statutory declaration of the directors and auditors' report required by section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 are available for inspection between 9 a.m and 5 p.m. on any day (except a Saturday, Sunday or a day which is a public holiday in England) up to and including 28th *June, 1993 at the registered office* of the company which is situated at Plumtree Court, London EC4 4HT.
4. Any creditor of the company may within the five weeks immediately following the date of the resolution for payment out of capital apply to the court under section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 *for an order prohibiting the* payment.
Dated 28th May, 1993
Anthony Penna,
Company Secretary

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
No 002707 of 1993
TUDOREST LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of Tudorest Limited which is being wound up by the Court, are required, on or before 1st July 1993, to send in their full forenames and surname, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of *their debts or claims* and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Ladislav Hornan of Hacker Young and Partners, St Alphage House, 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5DH the liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
24th May 1993
Ladislav Hornan, Liquidator

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
No 003986 of 1993
IN THE MATTER OF FAIREY GROUP plc
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 5th day of May 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2, on Wednesday the 9th day of June 1993.
Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order *for the confirmation of the said* cancellation of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated this 26th day of May 1993
ASHURST MORRIS CRISP
Broadwalk House 5 Appold Street London EC2A 2HA.
Ref: MJS/dm/2424K
Solicitors for the said Company

Miskin Plant & Tool Hire Ltd
Registered Number: 916692. *Former company name: Miskin* (Plant Hire) Ltd. Trading name: Miskin Plant & Tool Hire Ltd. Nature of business: Plant Hirers. Trade classification 5017. Date of appointment of Administrative Receivers: 18 May 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: Gamlestaden Plc. Names of persons appointed: S V Freakley and L A Manning (office holder nos 008291 and 006477) both of Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF

Miskin Group plc
Registered Number: 2338543. Trading name: Miskin Group plc. Nature of business: General Builders. Trade classification 23. Date of appointment of Administrative Receivers: 18 May 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: Gamlestaden Plc. Names of persons appointed: S V Freakley and L A Manning (office holder nos 008291 and 006477) both of Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF

No. 003515 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRST SPANISH INVESTMENT TRUST PLC
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on Tuesday, 20th April 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £21,000,000 to £2,100,000 by inter alia returning capital and of the reduction of the share premium account of the Company by £13,107,043.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL, on Wednesday the 9th day of June 1993.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital and of share premium account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on *payment of the regulated charge* for the same.
DATED this 28th day of May 1993.
SIMMONS & SIMMONS
14 Dominion Street
London EC2M 2RJ
(Ref: DLG)
Solicitors
for the above-named Company.

LEGAL NOTICES

SANDYNOTE LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
Registered Number: 2161036
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general *meeting of the unsecured* creditors of the above named company will be held at 51 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8PP on Monday 7 June 1993 at 16.00 hrs for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented.
Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at Haines Watts, 51 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8PP not later than 12.00 hrs on 4 June 1993 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of The Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
A D Kenningham
Administrative Receiver

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Section 137(4)
In the High Court of Justice
No 3662 of 1993
Transferred from the Birmingham District Registry
A & G Landesberg Limited
- In Liquidation -
I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I, Malcolm Cohen, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 6 May 1993. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me. A meeting of creditors for the purpose of appointing a Liquidation *Committee will not be convened*, unless in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986, I am requested to do so by one-tenth in value of the company's creditors.
No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.
Dated: 24 May 1993
M Cohen, Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
SMYTH (HEATING ENGINEERS) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 11th June 1993 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish *Creditors with such information* as they may require.
DATED this 21st day of May 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
D. SMYTH, DIRECTOR

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Bromfield (Sports) Limited t/a Bromfield Halliford & Sumner
IN LIQUIDATION
TAKE NOTICE THAT WE, Nigel John Hamilton-Smith and Michael William Young of Morton Thornton & Co., Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL1 1HD, were appointed Joint Liquidators of Bromfield (Sports) Limited by a resolution of a meeting of the company's creditors held on 21 May 1993
DATED this 21st day of May 1993
N J Hamilton Smith and M W Young Joint Liquidators

The Insolvency Act 1986
VISION SCANNING LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 24th May 1993.
Dated this 26th day of May 1993.
M R Dorrington, Liquidator

The Insolvency Act 1986
SCS FORKLIFT (SALES) LTD
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 10th May 1993.
Dated this 24th day of May 1993.
M.R. Dorrington, Liquidator

THREADNEEDLE PROPERTIES (LEEDS) LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Haines Watts, 51 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8PP on the 14 day of June 1993 at 14.00 pm, for the *purpose of having laid before it a* copy of the report prepared by the Administrative Receivers under section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a creditors' committee to exercise the functions conferred on by or under the Act
Creditors are only entitled to vote if:
a. they have delivered to us at the address shown above, no later than 12.00 hours on the business day before the meeting, written details of the debts they claim to be due, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules 1986 and
b. there has been lodged with us any proxy which the creditor intends to use on his behalf
Dated this 21 day of May 1993
A D Kenningham and J C Heath
Joint Administrative Receivers
Note: Creditors may obtain a copy of the report, free of charge, on application to the administrative receivers at the address shown above.

UK Meat Marketing Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named company will be held at 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF at 11.00am on 11 June 1993 *for the purposes* of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the Administrative Receivers under Section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a committee to exercise the functions conferred on creditors' committees by or under the Act.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. Other creditors are entitled to vote if:-
They have delivered to us at 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF, no later than 12.00 hours on 10 June 1993 written details of the debts they claim to be due to them from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Rule 3.11 of the Insolvency Rules 1986; and
There has been lodged with us any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
Dated 24/5/93
S V. Freakley
Joint Administrative Receiver

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All change at Number 11 but no change in economic policy

Janet Bush says the market view that Kenneth Clarke is a softer touch than his forerunner may prove to be misplaced



ROBIN MAYES

One in, one out: a London foreign exchange dealer reacts to the change of Chancellor yesterday

There is an irony in the fact that the day Norman Lamont, in an interview with *The Guardian*, singled out the importance of confidence and psychology to the strength of the recovery turned out to be the same day his resignation provided exactly the boost to confidence that the City and country wanted.

Mr Lamont's departure is all about the psychology of a deeply wounded and vulnerable government; its greatest significance to draw a line beneath the government's miserable experience of the exchange-rate mechanism.

Political gaffes over unemployment being "a price well worth paying", VAT on fuel, muddling up threes and fives and "singing in the bath" apart, the government was never going to win the trust of the financial markets while Norman Lamont was in charge.

Resigning when policies have gone wrong has not been the habit of this Conservative administration. But yesterday the London Business School, breeding ground for most of the Treasury's senior economic advisors, said the estimated £5 billion that the useless defence of sterling last September cost the taxpayer was the clearest cut case for resignation imaginable.

The widespread perception of the financial markets in the months since White Wednesday was of a split between Mr Lamont, still tied to the anti-inflationary rhetoric of the Treasury, and John Major, sensitive above all to his own political ratings and the need to "go for growth".

Mr Lamont's low point was the last base rate cut in January, ordered by the Prime Minister from his tour of India, apparently without the support either of his Chancellor or the Bank of England.

To the extent Mr Lamont lacked credibility with the markets, his removal should boost confidence in the government, albeit marginally. Michael Saunders, chief UK economist at Salomon Brothers, said: "The markets' view is that a weak government running around like a headless chicken and panicking is much more likely to inflate its way out of trouble so anything to strengthen its stability is positive."

But what effect will the switch of Chancellors have on economic policy? There was a flurry of share buying yesterday morning as speculators bet that Kenneth Clarke, the new Chancellor, would be more prone to interest rate cuts than his forerunner. Sterling, rather cruelly for Mr Lamont, rallied after his mother revealed he was going, only to fall back on news of his successor.

Economists at Chase Manhattan said the change at Number 11 meant that "UK economic policy will have a pro-growth bias with less emphasis on the 1 per cent to 4 per cent underlying inflation target and the likelihood of an early base rate cut". If that view is widely held in the markets, it would explain the softness of the pound and the perkiness of share prices.

But are the markets right in this assumption? They see Mr Clarke, a leading light in the left wing of the Conservative party, as a softer touch than Mr Lamont. Unlike Mr Major and Mr Lamont, Mr Clarke has not come up through junior ministerial posts in the Treasury and is therefore likely to feel less beholden to the conservative monetarist arguments of Treasury officials.

In addition, his status as favourite to replace Mr Major if the party wants a new leader means that he will want to court public opinion. If the economic recovery shows signs of flagging, the argument goes, he would be quite willing to cut base rates further and allow the pound to slide to give another boost to economic activity.

However, there are other arguments to suggest that monetary policy will be little changed. It was already apparent in January that interest rate policy was being guided by Mr Major's political instincts rather than Treasury advice, and there is little reason to suppose that Mr Lamont would have been successful in standing against base rate cuts if Number 10 wanted them.

The balance of opinion on where interest rates should be is now no longer a one-way argument. There is still a considerable body of opinion — not least in the Treasury's own independent forecasting panel — that base rates should be lowered further as a counterpoint to tighter fiscal policy in the obvious absence of inflationary pressures. However, another school of thought increasingly believes that the economy is already recovering nicely with some of the helpful, lagged effects of monetary easing still to come through, and that further cuts may unnecessarily stoke up inflation.

It looks like Mr Clarke is boxed in on fiscal policy as well. Continuous leaks from various government departments trying to head off the Star Chamber tactics of Michael Portillo have created a frightening atmosphere of savage cuts in public spending to cut the public sector borrowing requirement from the £50 billion projected this year. But the reality is quite different.

By all accounts, the Treasury's scare tactics amount to no more than whipping the big spending departments into line in order to meet current control totals. Nobody, including Andrew Dilnot, director of the Institute for Fiscal Studies, believes that the spending review will amount to much more than that.

It is neither conceivable that Mr Clarke would risk the recovery and the political bloodbath that lower control totals would involve nor risk higher control totals and lose his credibility with the markets before it has even been established.

Douglas McWilliams, head of the Centre for Economics and Business Research, believes Mr Clarke may surprise everybody by being even tougher than Mr Lamont. He said: "He knows that the only way he wins kudos is if he is not held responsible for an election defeat in three years' time. He will probably opt to tough it out now so that he can offer something crowd pleasing closer to the election." It may even be that Mr Clarke enjoys a honeymoon period that would allow him to push through unpopular measures more easily.

Of course, there is always an outside chance that Mr Clarke will confound everyone, tightening fiscal policy radically and expanding monetary policy, a policy rebalancing that has the distinct advantage of diverting the economy's resources away from consumers and towards industry and investment.

But there is one aspect of the current economic scene that may militate against such a strategy: sterling. In about a fortnight, the first figures on the trade balance for six months are released and are expected to show a severe deterioration of Britain's trade position.

Instead of a steady to rising pound, the new Chancellor could be faced with a sharply falling one.

Will he accept the competitive advantage or will he raise interest rates? There's nothing like a sterling crisis to show the new Chancellor in his true colours.

TEMPUS

New face, same facts

The market's response to the change of chancellor was disappointingly muted, given that it has been baying for Norman Lamont's blood for months and that his departure was aimed to boost confidence. Having got what it wanted, the City expects little to change. A different face, the same facts.

Whoever resides at Number 11 Downing Street, there is little leeway on fiscal or monetary policy. The PSBR, expected to rise to £50 billion this year, will still have to be tackled through a combination of public spending cuts and increased taxes, on which the new chancellor may have a freer hand.

Monetary policy has already been eased aggressively since last September's enforced ERM exit. Speculation that Kenneth Clarke will cut interest rates to break the ice is seen as highly unlikely. Although a politically popular move in the short term, most commentators believe the economic fundamentals argue against it. A base rate cut that had to be reversed hastily would unsettle the equity market. Rates have been falling since December 1989, and if there is one thing the market is sensitive to, it is a change in direction.

A more intriguing issue is whether the shuffle will bring forward sterling's re-entry into the ERM. If the market thinks this might happen, it is likely to get nervous, believing interest rates will have to rise. Yesterday's sterling markdown reflects a feeling that, even if Mr Clarke is keener on the ERM, he may still wait until after the next election.

Hammerson

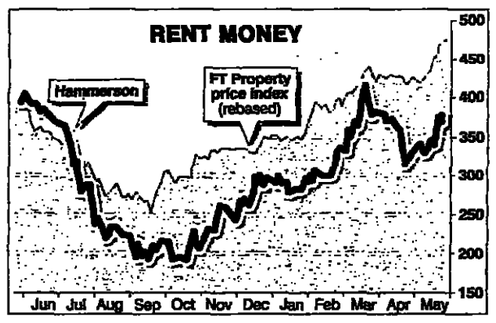
Before its proposed rights issue, the financial foundations at Hammerson were becoming decidedly precarious. Shareholders' funds had fallen by more than 58 per cent since 1989 while net borrowings had risen by a quarter, pushing gearing to 114 per cent.

Although this recent history is a sorry tale, what matters to shareholders now is whether the future holds a recovery story. There is plenty of scope. The shares are currently at more than a 20 per cent discount to net asset value, while the rest of the sector trades on a par to assets. The new management looks more capable of closing that gap than its forerunners, but there are still question marks over the group.

Although Hammerson has some high-quality assets, such as the Warringah Mall in Sydney, Australia, and the Square One shopping centre in Mississauga, Canada, it also has several elderly office developments that will subdue performance. Furthermore, with 60 per cent of its assets overseas, it has less exposure to the UK market, where recovery is strongest. Unlike some of its domestic competitors, Hammerson expects the value of its portfolio to fall this year.

Even with the proceeds of the rights issue, gearing will fall only to around 69 per cent. That is still high enough to limit the group's freedom to manoeuvre and take advantage of cheap buying opportunities.

With a dividend yield of only 4 per cent compared with a sector average above 5 per cent, there are probably more attractive returns to be had from other solvent property companies.



National Power

NATIONAL Power cannot lay off another 10,000 to keep profits growing. The company has raised profits during its privatised life mainly by cutting numbers employed from 17,200 to 7,400.

National Power made a provision of £150 million for rationalising and restructuring in the year to end-March 1993. Yet even after using provisions of £164 million during the year it still has £552 million of provisions in its balance sheet for a rainy day. These include a further £267 million for rationalisation and £87 million waiting for major plant repairs.

John Baker, the chief executive, reckons NP needs such cushions to protect its profits stream over the next few years. Too right. The government still has to sell its outstanding minority stake, which Mr Baker hopes will be in 1994. It would certainly be better to sell sooner rather than later from the company's viewpoint.

Sales are down in current trading and, despite cost reductions, prospects for growth in earnings are less certain. In the long term, National Power hopes to compensate for the squeeze on British profits by doing more work overseas.

SG Warburg

WHAT a difference a devaluation makes. Had it not been for the £8 million extra provision on Isosceles loans, SG Warburg would have turned in £105 million pre-tax in the second half, almost double that for the first half, even though there were few of the special events where the group can combine advice, capital-raising and trading to put the icing on the cake.

Investors will therefore be hoping for rather more this year than a full recovery to 1991-2 pre-tax profits of £166 million. Mercury Asset Management is still running hard, the Japanese business appears to have been turned round and the group aims to make a bigger play in derivatives on the back of the American business it plans to buy.

At 717p, the shares sell at 17 times continuing earnings and yield 3.3 per cent. If profits returned to the 1989-90 peak above £200 million, the price/earnings ratio would fall to 13 and Warburg might take a lead from MAM's hefty dividend rise.

Babcock

UNTIL last year Babcock had not put a foot wrong during the recession. Now it has not so much stumbled as fallen flat on its face.

Picking itself up will be a long and painful task. It has major problems in its two big divisions, energy and construction. They are unlikely to disappear overnight. Babcock says the energy division has the largest order book for four years, but that is of little use if it lets costs spiral out of control as it did on the Killingholme boiler contract, for which it has made a £6.2 million provision.

Babcock's basic problem is that it simply lacks sufficient scale in core markets to be a competitive and profitable player. Now that the group is fighting battles on several fronts, its edge will be blunted further. It is hard to see how profits can move substantially above £40 million over the next few years.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Power analysts in the dark

ELECTRICITY analysts were left in the dark on Monday night, with nothing but candles to illuminate the Merseyside and North Wales Electricity Board's response to power failures. They were playing roulette in the bar of the Crabwall Manor Hotel in Mollington, near Chester, where they had been invited to attend a briefing the next day on customer service standards and security of supply. Then the lights went out. John Roberts, Manweb's embarrassed chief executive, reportedly "went frantic" trying to establish the cause as hotel staff provided the analysts with candles to help them find their rooms. The failure, caused by a strike of lightning 100 yards down the road, continued for almost two hours, allowing the analysts to reminisce about the power cut during the London Electricity flotation in 1990. At least Manweb's directors can rest assured that lightning rarely strikes the same place twice.

Aiding the arts

CITY bigwigs are often perceived by the public to be good with figures but philistines when it comes to the arts. But Sir Sydney Lipworth, chairman of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, is doing his bit to redress the balance on behalf of the Square Mile by chairing the eminent committee of the Twentieth Century American Ball. Billed as "one of the most prestigious social events of the London season", the £150-ticket ball is on June 16 in aid of the Royal Academy, of which Sir Sydney is a trustee. The ball also enjoys the patronage of the Weston family of Associated British Foods, the Sieffs of Marks and Spencer and the Palumbos, whose architectural plans for the City are all too well known.

Parking puzzle

PEOPLE in Old Broad Street were made uneasy on Tuesday afternoon as they passed an empty armoured truck immediately outside the National Westminster Tower, close to where the IRA parked its bomb last month. The parking lights were flashing and its driver was nowhere to be seen. Perhaps most worrying was the notice on the vehicle's side. "Group 4 Securitas, sponsors of the Commonwealth Games."

Riding high

THE money is riding again on Richard Pollen, best remembered within the Square Mile as co-founder of Valin Pollen, the Eighties riches-to-rags financial PR agency. Pollen, who moved to the Surrey countryside three years ago to set up his own consultancy, is now celebrating a doubling of fee income this year to £570,000. And for the fifth successive year, he is sponsoring the Dynsfold Ryse Horse Trials at Chiddingfold this bank holiday Monday together with his main clients, Sainsbury, Invesco and headhunter Russell Reynolds. One of the most popular shows on the circuit, the trials include such riders as Nicola Coe, the 1990 Badminton winner and wife of Sebastian, as well as Pippa Nolan and Robert Lemieux. Pollen, who gets to ride only once a weekend, says the country is "far more conducive to hard work and team spirit" than the City.



"Sorry — the vacancy for a chancellor appears to have been filled"

Show business

EIGHT thousand people in the South Pacific republic of Nauru will be watching the curtain rise on their latest investment with interest a week tonight when a version of London's latest musical, *Leonardo — A Portrait of Love*, now at the Strand theatre, opens on the island. Nauru's president, Bernard Dowiyogo, has invested £2 million in the production at the suggestion of Duke Minks, their European financial adviser. Clearly the investment is an attempt at diversification. Nauru's only natural resource is guano — centuries of accumulated bird droppings rich in phosphates. Minks thinks he has a hit.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

BUSINESS LETTERS

Phoenix giving rise to wider issues

From Mr Richard Faulkner

Sir, We are currently investigating insolvency law, and the problems created by phoenix companies — those which having gone into receivership, re-emerge in the same line of business with the same directors, and with no obligation to pay any debts of the former company.

A former Public Relations Consultants Association member was a subsidiary of a plc which went into receivership last July, leaving debts of £30 million, of which around £3 million was due to trade creditors. The receivers within days sold the subsidiary to its directors, who were able to restart business with many of their previous clients still on board, but with no obligation to pay the parent company's trade debts. The PRCA takes a serious view of these events and will not consider phoenix companies for membership until trade creditors are dealt with satisfactorily. But there is a wider issue concerning insolvency law generally, and we are looking to the Department of Trade and Industry to initiate a review. At the very least, if a receiver has any reason to believe that directors may be the subject of an "adverse conduct" report, they should be disqualified as purchasers.

Yours faithfully
RICHARD FAULKNER
(Joint Managing Director),
Westminster Communications Group,
Cowley House,
Little College Street, SW1.

Television chief firmly in charge of franchises

From Mr Geoff Brownlee

Sir, In *The Times* Business News (May 26), you state that "Mr Leach has been required to distance himself from the day-to-day operation of both the Yorkshire and Tyne-Tees franchises. . .".

On the contrary, far from distancing himself, Clive Leach will be, as Group Chief Executive and Chairman designate, ultimately responsible for ensuring the two subsidiaries meet their licence commitments in the most efficient manner.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFF BROWNLEE,
(Director,
Group Corporate Affairs),
Yorkshire-Tyne Tees Television Holdings Plc,
The Television Centre, Leeds.

What price pundits' warnings now?

From Mr Colin MacIvor

Sir, The present inflation rate is satisfactorily low. Yet when we were forced out of the EMS last October, economists filled page and screen with solemn warnings about the dangerous inflationary effects of devaluation. (Your Mr Kalecsky was a notable exception). Should we pay heed to these pundits in the future? And what precisely is the point of economic "science" if it cannot generate valid predictions?

Yours faithfully,
COLIN MacIVOR,
59d Farnhead Road, W9.

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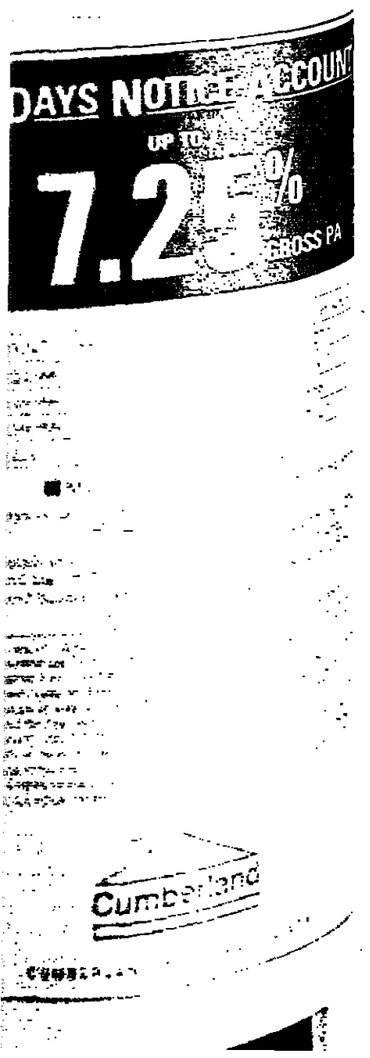
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Exempt	82.12	84.28	+0.64	3.60
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Smlr Cos Acc	90.53	96.82	−0.29	1.35
-do- Inc	83.21	88.99†	−0.27	1.35
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Euro Gth Acc	99.91	106.86	−0.34	1.07
-do- Inc	98.54	105.39	−0.34	1.07
Mngd P folio	34.53	36.93	+0.01	1.31
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BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7216				
Stu Gilt Fxd Int	65.84	66.73	+0.11	5.82
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 4AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	134.70	143.30	+0.70	1.67
UK Growth	145.60	154.90	+0.60	2.14
UK Income	121.60	129.40†	+0.10	4.23
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	85.54	91.49	−0.07	1.67
Growth	43.98	47.04	+0.06	2.91
Income	53.67	57.40	−0.05	3.52
Far East	48.85	52.25†	−0.01	0.15
North American	84.42	90.77†	+1.22	...
Global	84.30	90.16	+0.70	0.23
European	68.45	73.21	−0.08	1.22
Japan	115.00	123.00	+0.05	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	57.04	60.49†	+0.07	5.31
UK Cap Gwth	78.51	83.97	+0.37	2.14

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CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	127.00	136.20	+0.60	0.12
-do- Acc	135.00	143.70	+0.70	0.12
European	64.52	68.33	−0.04	0.91
-do- Acc	66.87	70.83	+0.04	0.91
Far East Gen	66.06	70.83	+0.28	...
-do- Acc	66.96	71.24	+0.28	...
Glenfinlas	248.40	264.30	+0.40	0.72
-do- Acc	279.70	297.60	+0.50	0.72
Growth	374.20	400.30	−1.10	2.32
-do- Acc	640.50	685.10	−2.10	2.32
Income Growth	372.50	396.80	+0.90	3.79
-do- Acc	495.80	527.50	+1.00	3.79
Master Portfolio	9409.0	9751.0†	−11.00	2.83
-do- Acc	10889.0	11285.0	−13.00	2.83
Special Sits	86.08	91.58	−0.22	2.26
-do- Acc	100.73	107.17	−0.25	2.26
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1181.0	1218.0†	+2.00	4.38
-do- Acc	1393.0	1437.0	+2.00	4.38
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	189.70	202.00	+2.20	1.64
Capital	525.00	560.20†	+2.50	2.38
Eurotrack 100	127.30	135.40	+0.90	1.53
Euro Gth	79.16	84.28	+0.65	1.34
Far East Growth	91.77	97.94	−0.28	0.13
Global Bond	23.26	24.51	+0.11	6.10
Hong Kong	84.72	90.41	+1.51	0.76
Income	492.50	525.60†	+1.80	3.96
Intl Growth	74.16	79.14	+0.77	0.98
Japan Growth	279.80	298.60	+5.40	...
Japan Smllr Cos	35.72	38.12	+0.64	...
Japan Index	80.14	85.52	+0.84	0.33
Nth American	426.70	455.30	+5.50	0.95
S pore Mly Gth	53.66	57.26†	+0.33	...
The Footsie Fd	107.30	113.20	+0.60	2.71
Tiger Index	137.60	146.80	+0.20	0.68
Trade Index	104.90	111.90	...	2.56
UK Index	123.00	131.20	+0.60	2.97
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	81.79	87.43	+0.06	1.00
European P folio	71.37	75.95	+0.48	1.38
Japanese P folio	66.81	71.05	+0.68	...
Pacific P folio	100.02	107.55	+0.04	1.11
Cazenove P folio	70.77	75.69	+0.24	3.00
UK Income Gth	62.38	66.84	+0.04	5.00
Utility & Bond	49.47	50.13	+0.09	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	595.05	600.00	...	4.82
Fixed Int	152.70	152.80	...	9.49
Deposit	5.70	...	5.82	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	585.59	585.74	...	5.10
-do- Acc	2299.4	2305.3	...	...
Deposit	5.65	...	5.77	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.15	124.16	...	9.34
-do- Acc	165.30	165.44	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	61.74	64.99	...	2.32
Beckman Intl	78.41	82.81†	...	3.20
Friars Hse Inc	175.90	189.17	...	6.16
Friars Hse Cap	243.75	262.10	...	2.78
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9818				
Japan Gth Acc	...	...	...	...
Smaller Cos	35.47	37.74	−0.47	1.82
-do- Acc	39.97	42.52	−0.54	1.82
UK General	67.78	72.11	+0.32	2.44
-do- Acc	81.26	86.45	+0.38	2.44
Wwide Bd	61.63	65.45	−0.35	6.17
-do- Acc	79.20	84.12	−0.44	6.17
Wwide Sp Sits	56.68	60.62	+0.13	0.14
-do- Acc	59.05	63.16	+0.14	0.14
Quilter	120.87	128.58†	+0.43	2.43
-do- Acc	134.24	142.81	+0.49	2.43
Quilter Income	93.08	99.02†	−0.13	3.52
-do- Acc	114.72	122.04	−0.16	3.52
Quilter Intl	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Quilter UK Spec	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	92.09	92.09†	+0.01	5.30
-do- Acc	92.09	92.09†	+0.01	5.30
Ftn Property	...	...	...	...
Fixed Conv	39.58	42.11†	+0.09	7.19
-do- Acc	104.90	111.60	+0.20	7.19
Equity Inc	144.28	153.49	+0.31	2.84
-do- Acc	463.17	492.73	+1.01	2.84
High Yield	116.58	124.02	+0.31	4.69
-do- Acc	440.22	468.32	+1.13	4.69
Preference	47.32	50.34†	+0.02	7.28
-do- Acc	242.77	258.27	+0.08	7.28
PPT Europe	145.33	154.61†	−0.80	0.99
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	47.19	50.20†	+0.01	7.81
PPT Global Bnd	81.39	86.40†	−0.39	5.65
PPT Gold Com	58.07	61.78†	−0.45	...
PPT Oriental Gth	56.21	59.80†	+0.07	0.46
PPT Far East Gth	106.06	112.83†	+0.18	0.20
PPT Managed	60.89	64.78	+0.08	3.37
-do- Acc	74.44	79.19	+0.09	3.37
PPT Japan	119.28	126.89†	+0.01	...
PPT N Amer	145.57	154.86†	+0.78	0.07
PPT UK Gth	116.05	123.44	+0.49	1.88
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	81.98	87.21	+0.19	0.91
Japanese Acc	63.85	67.93	+0.42	...
UK Balncd Inc	125.90	133.90	+0.70	2.51
-do- Acc	146.90	156.30	+0.80	2.51
UK Growth Acc	205.90	219.00†	+1.10	2.20
UK High Inc	130.20	138.50†	+0.30	6.86
-do- Acc	157.50	167.60†	+0.30	6.86
N America Acc	110.60	117.70	+0.90	0.35
European Acc	151.20	160.80	...	0.43
UK Pref F/I Inc	60.13	63.77	+0.20	8.86
-do- Acc	97.04	102.90	+0.30	8.86
Intl Sp Sits Acc	47.91	50.97	+0.21	0.22
Environmntl Opp	70.81	75.33†	+0.27	1.47
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	109.70	116.50	+1.10	0.43
UK Smlr Cos	196.20	208.50†	+0.90	1.20
Eurofund	36.93	39.12	+0.22	1.02
Mngd Exempt	163.50	170.50	−0.80	3.08
Growth Inc	211.80	225.00	−0.40	3.78
High Dist	139.80	148.50†	+0.50	5.22
International	316.10	335.90	+1.50	0.97
Intl Income	79.64	85.02	+0.09	3.06
Pacific	57.97	61.59	+0.18	0.49
Smllr Jap Cos	74.25	78.89	+1.19	...
Tokyo	208.30	221.30	+2.20	...
Japan Exempt	118.80	122.10	+6.40	0.43
Sm Jap Exempt	610.80	627.60	+48.10	0.09

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Formerly Target				
American Eagle	120.00	127.50	+0.90	1.10
Australia	7.013	7.447	+0.121	1.09
Equity	185.50	197.10	+0.20	3.55
Euro Spec Sits	139.20	147.40†	+1.30	0.56
Financial	39.55	42.02	+0.23	2.80
Global Opps Inc	88.48	94.01	+0.51	2.14
-do- Acc	91.72	97.45	+0.53	2.14
Gold Gen Inc	49.51	52.60†	+0.09	0.83
-do- Acc	95.04	101.00†	+0.20	0.83
Income	120.80	128.40	...	3.82
Japan General	161.20	171.30	+1.80	...
Preference	21.61	22.96†	−0.02	7.93
UK Capital	102.40	108.80	+0.10	3.09
Worldwide Cap	196.10	208.40	+1.00	3.07
World Income	83.20	88.40	+0.39	3.44
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7281				
Endurance	174.00	185.10	+1.60	1.08
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	103.49	108.94	+0.22	3.22
High Income	118.19	124.41†	+0.02	4.82
Tst of Inv Tsts	144.01	151.59	+0.42	2.07
Special Sits	84.05	88.47	−0.18	2.66
North American	103.69	109.15	+1.02	0.84
Far Eastern	244.89	257.78	+0.61	1.42
Intl Growth	94.09	99.04	+0.05	1.37
European	62.96	66.27	+0.63	2.19
Smaller Cos	69.81	73.48	+0.10	2.10
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
United Charities	215.50	229.20†	...	3.66
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.40
European Tst	115.30	122.60	−0.70	...
High Income	24.87	26.17†	+0.03	5.78
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St. London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	89.96	95.18	+0.16	0.87
Far Eastern	137.90	147.50	+0.50	...
Overs Income	87.67	93.81	−0.25	2.48
UK Growth	93.78	100.30	+0.43	0.96
UK Income	98.55	105.40†	+0.10	3.47
US Smaller Cos	236.60	253.00	−0.10	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	417.20	446.10	+1.40	...
-do- Acc	426.20	455.70	+1.40	...
Capital	287.60	305.90	+0.50	1.91
-do- Acc	400.60	426.10	+0.80	1.91
Contl Smllr Cos	47.41	51.07	−0.21	0.69
-do- Acc	49.06	52.84	−0.22	0.69
Convertible	114.60	121.90	−0.10	5.91
-do- Acc	212.10	225.60	−0.30	5.91
European	93.82	100.20†	−0.40	1.02
-do- Acc	97.59	104.30†	−0.30	1.02
Extra Income	280.40	308.90	+0.20	4.02
-do- Acc	406.70	432.60	+0.20	4.02
Financial	101.20	108.90†	−0.20	0.68
-do- Acc	106.00	114.00†	−0.20	0.68
Health Fund Inc	114.20	122.00	+1.00	...
-do- Acc	114.20	122.00	+1.00	...
Income Tst	175.10	186.20†	+0.40	2.92
-do- Acc	248.10	263.90†	+0.70	2.92
Intl Growth	312.40	333.40	+2.50	...
-do- Acc	346.90	370.20	+2.70	...
Japan Gen	182.60	195.40	+1.70	...
-do- Acc	184.40	197.40	+1.80	...
Mngd P folio Inc	89.63	94.34†	+0.16	0.94
-do- Acc	94.22	99.17†	+0.17	0.94
Monthly Income	149.10	158.60	...	3.98
Recovery	293.60	313.90	+1.20	0.63
-do- Acc	343.80	367.60	+1.30	0.63
Gilt Gth Tst	60.22	62.10†	+0.32	6.95
-do- Acc	77.81	80.24†	+0.41	6.95
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	342.62	364.49†	+1.01	2.89
-do- Acc	700.32	745.02†	+2.06	2.89
Euro Gth Dist	104.16	110.81	+0.17	0.97
-do- Acc	107.27	114.12	+0.17	0.97
Fixed Int Dist	129.20	136.66	+0.53	6.49
-do- Acc	217.05	229.59	+0.89	6.49
Intl Gth Dist	76.56	81.45	+0.20	0.76
-do- Acc	79.20	84.26	+0.21	0.76
Nth Amer Dist	164.10	173.83	+0.26	0.85
-do- Acc	177.95	188.51	+0.28	0.85
Pac Basin Dist	248.54	264.40	+0.48	0.11
-do- Acc	252.45	268.56	+0.47	0.11
Stewardship Dist	298.88	317.98†	+0.68	1.75
-do- Acc	356.35	379.10†	+0.81	1.75
Stwd Inc Dist	63.06	67.09†	+0.08	3.34
-do- Acc	77.86	82.83†	+0.11	3.34
N Am Stwd Dist	95.04	101.11	+0.47	...
-do- Acc	100.54	106.96	+0.51	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 283 4567. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	139.80	149.60	−0.30	...
European	400.30	425.00	−0.90	1.00
Far East General	226.00	241.60	+0.20	0.30
Germany	94.57	100.20	+0.38	0.45
Global Assets In	67.17	71.77	+0.10	2.25
Global Assets Ac	71.08	75.83	+0.11	2.20
Income Inc	119.80	128.20	...	6.86
International	265.80	284.30	+0.30	0.98
Intl Income	78.09	83.11	+0.76	4.80
Japan General	368.10	391.10	−0.90	...
Smlr Cos Div	46.52	49.54	−0.02	6.13
UK Capital Inc	163.70	175.10	−1.30	3.81
-do- Acc	280.00	299.50	−1.90	3.74
Uk Spec Sits	74.92	80.13	+0.21	1.58
US General	112.70	120.00†	+0.20	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	116.30	124.20	+0.20	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	43.51	46.53	−0.10	1.44
Cash Trust*	128.71	128.71	+0.01	4.91
Fract Inv Inc	101.94	109.32	+0.22	3.99
-do- Acc	218.84	234.68	+0.46	3.99
UK Smaller Cos	102.79	110.25	+0.05	1.03
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.48	27.25†	+0.03	7.96
High Inc	31.33	33.51†	+0.26	5.01
UK Equity Inc	126.76	135.57	+0.82	3.94
Global Bond	28.84	29.88	−0.06	4.82
International Funds				
Gold Intl	86.82	93.10	−0.31	0.90
Frontier Markets	40.30	43.22†	−0.12	0.42
Global Inc Gth	116.49	124.30†	−0.05	2.21
UK Intl	111.89	119.67	+0.43	0.40
Overseas Funds				
American	126.54	135.02	+0.56	0.49
European	79.43	84.25	−0.06	0.63
Euro Sel Opps	92.91	99.20	+0.17	0.84
American Emerg	79.08	84.80	+0.51	...
Hong Kong	117.99	126.53	+1.47	1.82
Japan	229.89	244.30	+2.74	...
Pacific Growth	155.49	166.74	−0.16	0.39

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GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	125.61	134.34	+0.36	0.37
American Gth	121.24	129.67	+1.26	...
European Gth	65.33	69.87	+0.13	0.42
German Horizn	...	...	...	...
Japan Gth	80.72	86.33	+0.65	...
Pacific Inc	143.05	152.99	+0.65	2.85
Pacific Strategy	123.42	132.00	+0.86	0.25
UK Prog Inc	72.11	76.00	+0.24	4.61
Gt British Cos	47.58	50.02†	+0.06	2.70
UK Small Cos	44.51	47.60	+0.09	2.12
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9868				
Cash	131.10	131.10†	...	5.10
Gilt Fixed	118.50	125.70	+0.60	6.22
Growth Equity	279.40	298.40†	+1.00	2.22
Guardhill	416.50	444.70	+1.10	2.26
Income Trust	108.40	115.80	...	3.07
International	154.90	165.40	+0.20	0.36
Japan Trust	126.10	134.70	+0.20	...
Nth American	246.60	263.40†	+1.40	0.49
Pacific	368.50	393.60†	−0.90	...
European	333.80	356.60	−2.20	0.75
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 606, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	34.83	36.93	+0.20	1.70
-do- Acc	36.47	38.66	+0.20	1.70
Inc Adv Inc	29.20	30.96	+0.10	4.08
-do- Acc	30.35	32.18	+0.10	4.08
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	75.19	80.55	−0.04	0.96
Equity Income	109.70	116.70†	+0.20	3.53
European	129.70	137.40	+0.10	1.15
Intl Situation	74.50	79.26	+0.02	...
Japanese	148.60	157.70	+0.20	...
North American	95.89	101.70†	−0.30	...
Scandinavian	112.60	119.00	−0.90	...
Smaller Cos	30.08	32.00	+0.09	2.00
HENDERSON PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	87.46	93.48†	+0.15	...
Asian Enterprise	128.81	139.32	+0.53	0.54
Australian	137.12	146.57	+0.61	1.16
European	361.89	383.11†	+0.34	1.08
European Inc	68.39	72.37	−0.17	2.91
Euro Sml Co	119.84	127.38	−0.37	0.59
Extra Income	257.42	274.04	+0.67	4.86
Family of Funds	69.64	74.34	+0.16	1.28
Fixed Interest	55.24	59.07	+0.32	7.93
Global Resour	102.72	110.17	−0.54	0.70
High Inc	283.99	303.58†	+1.03	4.37
Income Gth	230.84	245.83†	+0.76	3.86
-do- Acc	596.59	635.36†	+1.97	3.86
International	225.35	240.06	−0.15	0.85
Japan Spc Sit	244.69	260.38	+2.74	...
Japan	209.65	222.85	+1.60	...
N Amer	219.28	233.04	+1.75	0.18
Pacific Smllr Cos	191.32	206.25	+2.41	0.31
Pref Gilt	45.54	49.18†	+0.10	8.54
Smaller Cos Div	163.82	178.55†	+0.21	4.12
Special Sits	259.46	277.61	+0.66	1.61
-do- Acc	399.80	427.78	+1.02	1.61
Best of British	54.70	58.62†	+0.12	2.62
Spirit of the East	60.81	64.98	+0.23	0.53
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	85.35	91.28	−0.45	2.37
Capital	152.80	163.40	−0.60	1.99
Dollar	299.80	320.60	+0.10	0.09
European	191.60	204.90	−0.10	0.66
Far East	237.20	253.60	+0.10	0.42
Financial	679.20	726.40†	+0.90	2.46
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.47	26.46	+0.04	7.97
High Yield	98.09	104.90	−0.90	4.70
Income	131.20	140.30	+0.10	3.72
Intl	210.30	224.90	+0.80	0.28
Japan Tech	72.50	77.54	+0.16	...
Nat Resources	58.90	62.99	−0.17	0.66
Security	290.50	310.60†	+0.80	2.08
Smaller Cos	110.20	117.80†	−2.00	1.39
Special Sits	134.60	143.90	−0.30	1.78
US Smaller Cos	65.90	70.48	+0.81	...
IBI FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	246.80	259.80	+2.80	1.38
Capital Gwth	98.83	104.00	...	2.55
Inv Trusts	...	...	...	...
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	24.76	27.08	+0.09	1.53
Special Features	26.81	28.48	−0.40	1.64
-do- Acc	31.65	33.62	−0.06	1.64
General Funds				
UK Growth	52.13	55.77†	+0.22	1.92
Assets Earnings	69.70	74.05	+0.23	1.92
do Acc	81.91	87.02	+0.27	1.92
Managed Invest	86.35	92.23	+0.22	1.19
Rupert Children	74.00	78.93†	+0.29	1.84
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.59	50.59	+0.01	4.43
Extra Inc	77.99	83.49	+0.06	4.87
Gilt	27.66	29.13	+0.08	6.77
Income Gth	37.92	40.51†	+0.03	3.48
MIMoir	74.88	76.53†	+0.20	8.02
Preference	17.46	19.12†	+0.02	6.26
UK Income	301.40	322.10	+0.90	2.98
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	55.73	59.21	+0.19	1.28
Property Shares	63.31	67.26	−0.25	1.76
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	141.00	148.00†	+0.10	3.78
European Acc	108.10	114.80	−9.30	1.07
European Dist	106.20	112.70	−0.30	1.07
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	47.81	50.87	+0.18	0.92
European Perf	106.20	112.70	−0.30	1.07
-do- Acc	108.10	114.80	−0.30	1.07
Euro Small Cos	20.72	22.05	−0.10	0.76
French Growth	63.81	68.01	...	0.54
-do- Acc	68.16	72.65	−0.01	0.54
Hong K/China	72.43	77.69	+0.49	1.60
Intl Growth	50.69	53.85	+0.22	0.65
-do- Acc	50.69	53.85	+0.22	0.65
Japan Perf	35.72	37.94	+0.28	...
Accum Units	35.72	37.94	+0.28	...
Japan Smllr Cos	37.55	39.94	+0.35	...
Singapore Asean	79.02	85.52	−0.54	0.29
-do- Acc	79.51	86.05	−0.55	0.29
South East Asia	232.30	250.50	+0.20	0.65
US Smllr Cos	101.30	107.60	−0.20	...
-do- Acc	102.40	108.80	−0.20	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	82.85	88.20	+0.19	2.21
Intl Bond	55.82	56.58	−0.07	6.43
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.41	69.75†	+0.01	5.07
Extra Income	51.22	54.49	−0.45	6.72
Gilt Yield	117.80	124.20	+0.20	7.42
Global Income	193.70	206.10†	+0.63	4.25
High Yield	131.40	139.80†	+0.20	5.92

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Smllr Cos Div*	47.57	50.61†	...	4.15
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	89.40	95.11	+1.31	...
North American	74.05	78.78	+0.92	0.41
European	127.30	135.40	+0.40	0.86
Euro Special	76.91	81.82	+0.55	0.94
General	258.50	275.00	+1.30	3.24
Japan	439.30	467.30†	+6.10	...
Japanese Special	247.30	263.10	+2.70	...
Master Acc	215.50	229.30	+3.80	1.35
Pacific	267.40	284.50	+1.90	0.57
Smaller Cos	98.10	104.30	+0.21	2.01
UK Equity Gth	34.32	36.51	−0.09	1.78
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	71.46	76.02	+0.18	0.92
Extra Income	23.61	25.12	−0.13	3.20
Far East	27.41	29.16	−0.10	0.91
Income Gwth	71.49	76.05	+0.26	2.88
Intl Growth	51.11	54.37	+0.16	0.71
Japan	66.08	70.30	+0.83	...
Maximum Dist*	99.80	101.80†	+0.10	6.86
N Amer Equity	37.63	40.03†	+0.10	0.27
UK Equity	85.03	90.46†	+0.31	3.05
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	52.57	55.93	+0.14	4.47
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	418.00	444.70	+1.40	2.91
Equity Acc	793.50	844.20	+2.60	2.91
Equity Income	90.01	95.76	−0.07	5.16
European	92.82	98.93	+0.24	1.74
Far Eastern	187.10	199.00	+1.80	0.29
Fixed Interest	51.23	54.50	+0.05	6.40
Gilt	89.24	94.63†	+0.36	6.50
Global Growth	65.65	69.84†	+0.56	0.74
Intl Bond	54.47	57.95	−0.15	4.90
Japanese	72.43	77.05	+0.89	...
Overseas Equity	94.66	100.70	+0.71	0.78
Pacific Gth	86.92	92.47	+0.52	1.21
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse. Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	305.70	325.30†	...	2.97
-do- Acc	671.60	714.60	...	2.97
Contl Euro Gth	48.98	51.56	...	1.51
-do- Acc	51.80	54.53	...	1.51
Extra Inc	230.50	245.30	...	3.72
-do- Acc	569.70	606.10	...	3.72
German Gth	96.88	102.00	...	0.27
-do- Acc	101.60	107.00	...	0.27
Growth Port	483.40	514.30	...	1.18
-do- Acc	483.40	514.30	...	1.18
Income	433.60	461.30†	...	3.69
-do- Acc	1113.0	1185.0	...	3.69
Income Port	480.60	511.30†	...	4.18
-do- Acc	485.20	516.20	...	4.18
Japan Growth	98.40	104.70	...	0.01
-do- Acc	98.75	105.10	...	0.01
Master Trust	51.12	54.39	...	1.59
-do- Acc	55.61	59.16	...	1.58
N American Gen	178.70	190.20	...	0.01
-do- Acc	206.50	219.70	...	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	137.50	146.30	...	0.01
-do- Acc	140.30	149.30	...	0.01
Pacific Basin	199.60	212.40	...	0.55
-do- Acc	210.90	224.40	...	0.55
Small Cos Rec	301.80	317.70†	...	2.19
-do- Acc	393.00	413.70	...	2.19
UK Growth	77.81	82.78	...	2.23
-do- Acc	90.73	96.53	...	2.23
Worldwide Gth	271.80	289.20	...	0.17
-do- Acc	400.50	426.10	...	0.17
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282873				
General	75.55	81.06†	+0.21	2.90
Income	59.40	63.73	−0.03	5.40
International	56.55	60.68	+0.17	0.70
American	58.32	62.58	+0.23	0.30
Japan	55.03	59.05	−0.05	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	55.19	59.22†	+0.21	1.90
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390590				
American Gen	378.50	399.60	+1.30	0.83
-do- Acc	487.10	493.10	+1.60	0.83
American Rec	401.50	424.60†	+0.60	0.17
-do- Acc	460.10	486.50	+0.70	0.17
Am Sm Co Acc	115.10	121.80	+0.10	...
Australia Acc	154.50	163.40	+0.70	1.17
Capital	649.60	686.90	+1.20	2.56
-do- Acc	716.80	757.90	+1.30	2.56
Commodity Acc	421.60	445.90	+0.80	0.77
Compnd Gth	801.70	847.80	+2.30	2.96
Dividend	34.40	36.40†	+0.10	4.35
-do- Acc	136.30	144.20	+0.20	4.25
Equity Inc	295.60	312.60	+0.40	4.84
European Div	58.30	61.60	−0.20	4.32
-do- Acc	65.90	69.60	−0.30	4.32
European Gen	372.20	393.60	−0.40	1.51
-do- Acc	465.00	491.70	−0.50	1.51
Extra Yield	370.40	391.70	−0.20	4.38
-do- Acc	1083.0	1145.3	−0.70	4.38
Far Eastern	300.50	317.80	+0.80	0.63
-do- Acc	395.30	418.00	+1.00	0.63
Fund of Inv	488.40	516.50†	+0.80	2.26
-do- Acc	890.90	942.20	+1.50	2.26
General	52.70	55.70	+0.10	3.63
-do- Acc	138.80	146.80	+0.20	3.63
Gilt Fxd Int	60.50	60.50†	+0.20	7.73
do Acc	152.10	152.20	+0.50	7.73
Gold	55.50	58.70	−1.00	0.81
-do- Acc	64.90	68.60	−1.20	0.81
High Inc	24.70	26.10	...	4.59
-do- Acc	91.40	96.80	...	4.59
Intl Growth	67.50	71.40	+0.10	0.91
-do- Acc	116.30	123.10	+0.20	0.91
Intl Inc	91.80	97.10†	−0.40	4.49
Japan Gen Acc	51.30	54.30	+0.50	...
Japan Smllr Cos	153.60	162.50	+2.50	...
Midland	54.50	57.60†	+0.30	3.28
-do- Acc	174.40	184.40	+1.00	3.28
Recovery	36.10	38.20	+0.10	2.74
-do- Acc	56.70	60.00	+0.10	2.74
Second Gen	60.80	64.30	+0.10	3.50
-do- Acc	148.60	157.20	+0.20	3.50
Smaller Cos	59.20	62.60	+0.10	3.16
-do- Acc	112.20	118.70	+0.20	3.16
Trustee	38.30	40.50†	+0.10	3.86
Charifund 3	‡109.18	... †	+0.30	9.87
Charifund 2	620.00	626.20†	+1.40	5.25
Pension ex 1	816.00	836.50†	−7.10	4.36
NAACIF Inc 3	344.76	... †	+0.30	7.96
-do- Acc 3	‡1083.9	...	+2.30	7.96
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 418, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 688066				
Inv Port Inc	134.30	143.60	+0.21	2.03
-do- Acc	149.20	159.50	+0.21	2.03
UK Income	112.20	120.00	...	2.65
-do- Acc	125.10	133.80	...	2.65
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	79.42	84.94	+0.58	0.80
Far East (Pacific)	136.00	144.30	−2.40	0.64
Income Growth	69.69	73.98†	−0.94	3.15
European	65.12	69.12	−0.02	1.31
Nth American	55.53	58.94	+0.13	1.03
UK Growth	73.72	78.25	+0.51	1.65
Intl Growth	93.22	98.95†	−0.02	0.66
Charities	105.50	111.90†	−0.10	3.80

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Intl Income	66.76	70.87	−0.09	4.26
Japan	54.12	57.45	+0.04	0.07
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	183.40	194.50	+0.50	...
-do- Acc	196.00	208.00	+0.70	...
Cash	100.50	100.50	...	5.62
-do- Acc	129.30	129.30	...	5.62
European Gth	186.90	198.20	+0.10	0.80
-do- Acc	200.10	212.20	+0.10	0.80
General	450.80	480.90	+1.60	2.52
-do- Acc	857.40	914.60	−2.90	2.52
Global Dist	127.90	134.40	−0.40	5.43
-do- Acc	143.10	150.40	−0.30	5.43
Income	132.90	141.80†	+0.20	4.81
-do- Acc	196.00	209.10†	+0.30	4.81
International	377.50	401.90	+1.10	0.70
-do- Acc	500.70	533.10	+1.40	0.70
Japan	188.80	200.40	+1.60	...
-do- Acc	193.90	205.80	+1.70	...
New Europe	135.30	144.40	+0.70	1.80
-do- Acc	137.50	146.70	+0.60	1.80
Recovery	287.60	306.80†	+0.50	2.92
-do- Acc	363.50	387.80†	+0.40	2.92
European Inc	71.77	76.27	−0.03	3.20
-do- Acc	91.04	96.75	−0.04	3.20
Brit Blue Chip	70.52	74.89	+0.25	3.36
-do- Acc	82.93	88.33	+0.29	3.36
Portfolio	71.95	76.50	...	2.96
-do- Acc	81.83	86.99	...	2.96
Gold General	130.10	139.90	−1.10	0.67
-do- Acc	131.90	141.90	−1.00	0.67
Pacific	91.80	97.93	+0.22	0.85
-do- Acc	97.03	103.50	+0.30	0.85
UK Smaller Cos	51.82	55.28	+0.03	1.97
-do- Acc	57.83	61.69	+0.03	1.97
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 528 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	56.27	60.18	+0.15	3.01
-do- Acc	57.14	61.11	+0.15	3.01
British Dist	75.53	80.78	+0.33	2.03
-do- Acc	85.50	91.44	+0.37	2.03
European Gth	161.90	173.00†	...	0.32
-do- Acc	203.40	217.30	−0.10	0.32
Extra High Inc	67.86	72.58	+0.03	6.26
-do- Acc	119.30	127.60	...	6.26
FT-SE 100 Index	47.81	51.13	+0.20	2.64
-do- Acc	47.81	51.13	+0.20	2.64
Gilt Fixed Int	53.66	57.94	+0.10	6.81
-do- Acc	146.40	152.40	+0.20	6.81
High Yield	212.20	226.90†	+0.10	4.65
-do- Acc	498.20	532.80	+0.30	4.65
Income	273.10	292.10	+0.20	3.50
-do- Acc	567.80	607.30	+0.50	3.50
Japan Gth	347.10	371.20	+2.50	...
-do- Acc	366.40	391.90	+2.80	...
Mandarin Acc	97.14	103.90	+0.10	1.17
North American	159.00	170.10†	...	0.53
-do- Acc	200.50	214.40	...	0.53
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	261.20	278.40	+3.80	...
Deposit Inc	100.09	100.09†	+0.01	5.80
Deposit Acc	122.41	122.41†	+0.02	5.80
Euro Gth Acc	267.40	286.00	−0.60	...
Europa	120.60	129.50	−0.30	...
Intl Gth	168.10	179.60†	+0.60	...
Japan Tracker	77.83	82.46†	+0.67	...
UK Equity Inc	144.50	155.80†	+0.60	4.21
-do- Acc	177.20	191.10†	+0.80	4.21
UK Ind Tracker	140.60	150.60	+0.70	3.21
US Eq Ind Trkr	186.60	197.90	+1.10	1.47
-do- Acc	197.40	209.40	+1.20	1.47
Asian Trader	159.80	173.30†	+0.40	0.45
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	160.20	164.00	...	2.35
European	59.46	60.68	...	1.27
Olympiad	53.32	54.65	+0.03	0.28
Global Bond	46.35	46.87†	+0.10	6.70
Smaller Cos	64.57	67.42†	+0.30	0.97
Equity Income	90.87	93.39	+0.45	5.06
UK Growth	80.74	83.04†	−0.17	2.15
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	45.48	48.51	+0.38	1.01
Australian Acc	291.70	312.90	+2.80	...
Conscience	62.26	66.44	+0.15	1.07
-do- Acc	66.85	71.34	+0.15	1.07
European	160.80	171.50†	+0.30	1.13
-do- Acc	173	184.50	+0.30	1.13
Extra Income	71	75.77	+0.19	5.86
-do- Acc	107.80	115	+0.30	5.86
Far East Gth	165	176.30	+0.70	0.07
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.46	60.85	+0.12	6.38
Gold	46.10	49.56	−0.05	...
-do- Acc	49.64	53.37	−0.05	...
Income	51.17	54.58	+0.09	5.15
-do- Acc	153.40	163.60	+0.30	5.15
International	29.07	31.19	+0.14	1.06
-do- Acc	41.77	44.81	−0.19	1.06
Jap Sm Cos Acc	344.20	367.10	+2.60	...
S pore Mly Acc	181.80	197	+2.10	...
Smllr Cos Acc	24.94	26.81	−0.03	2.05
Special Sits	31.67	34.05†	+0.14	1.82
-do- Acc	36.47	39.21	+0.15	1.82
Tokyo	86.84	92.62	+1.13	...
-do- Acc	87.72	93.56	+1.15	...
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	66.56	70.81	+0.12	2.81
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	73.30	77.57	+0.02	7.17
N&P Higher Inc	192.30	204.60	−0.20	4.46
N&P UK Income	98.07	104.33†	+0.18	3.90
N&P Intl	84.83	90.25†	−0.04	1.80
N&P Smaller Cos	74.50	79.26	−0.12	1.54
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA 071 407 4404				
General	159.14	169.30†	+0.20	2.33
Global	276.59	294.29†	−1.34	1.14
Growth	105.64	112.39†	+0.60	2.55
Income	195.67	208.17†	+0.70	4.40
Intl Bond	122.45	130.04†	+0.09	6.49
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	134.10	141.10†	+0.30	2.59
-do- Acc	237.60	250.10	+0.50	2.59
Income	213.30	226.90†	+0.30	3.64
Intl Equity	217.90	231.70	+0.40	0.89
-do- Acc	238.50	253.70	+0.50	0.89
Equity	213.20	226.70	+0.40	2.45
-do- Acc	432.10	459.70	+0.90	2.45
UK Intl 25 Acc	67.78	72.11	+0.13	1.95
UK Income	59.24	63.02	+0.05	3.16
UK Smlr Co Acc	72.24	76.84	+0.24	1.48
New Europe Acc	58.72	62.46	−0.04	1.52
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	91.44	97.80	+0.14	0.12
PEP Gth Inc	98.67	105.53	+0.26	1.21
Intl Gth	477.73	510.95	+3.34	0.74
Income	293.24	313.63†	+1.12	3.43
W wide Recov	301.40	322.36	+1.75	0.34
American Gth	199.92	213.82	+1.49	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	181.79	194.43	+0.61	0.10
Far East Gth	217.72	232.86	+1.48	0.09

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European Gth	109.42	117.03	+0.47	1.22
UK Growth	74.66	79.86	+0.40	3.00
High Income	81.37	87.03	+0.10	4.53
Japanese Gth	220.65	234.36	+3.22	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse. 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	169.70	180.50	+0.40	0.86
High Income	104.80	111.50†	−1.00	3.78
Conv Gilt	106.90	113.80†	+0.10	6.31
Far East	301.90	321.10	+0.60	0.27
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Seasons Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	48.99	52.12	+0.14	0.21
Emerging Mkts	61.61	65.54	−0.34	0.60
General	46.63	49.61	+0.18	3.24
International	82.30	87.55†	+0.88	1.38
Gilt Units	24.99	25.76†	+0.06	7.48
Global PEP	34.32	36.51†	+0.05	2.12
Income Gth	63.47	67.52†	+0.03	4.85
European	40.98	43.60	−0.17	0.69
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.51	27.14	+0.11	5.76
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst**	30.80	32.94	+0.09	1.77
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	101.01	101.01†	+0.01	5.14
-do- Acc	105.12	105.12†	+0.01	5.14
Pru Equity	643.70	688.44†	+2.52	2.46
Pru Equity Inc	76.92	82.26†	+0.10	4.67
Pru European	166.02	177.56†	+0.13	1.46
Pru Global Gth	78.15	83.58	+0.34	1.54
Pru High Inc	84.25	90.10†	+0.06	5.70
Pru Intl	159.41	170.49	+0.84	1.00
Pru Intl Sm Co	68.02	72.74	+0.33	0.65
Pru Japanese	202.60	216.68†	+0.90	...
Pru Nth Amer	137.18	146.71	+0.67	0.48
Pru Pacific Mkt	75.89	81.16	+0.35	1.74
Pru Premr Inc	48.55	50.86†	+0.21	7.57
Pru Smllr Cos	81.07	86.70†	...	2.00
Pru Spec Sits	96.63	103.34	+0.30	2.24
Pru UK Growth	107.71	115.19†	+0.46	2.35
** Formerly Holborn Trust				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
NC Income	149.06	160.54†	−0.10	3.66
NC Japan	278.21	298.06	+3.45	...
NC Maj UK Cos	91.05	97.89	+0.40	2.53
NC America Inc	463.31	496.90	+2.15	0.76
-do- Acc	538.14	577.15	+2.49	0.76
NC Smlr UK Cos	260.94	284.40	−1.01	1.53
NC European	245.29	262.01	−0.54	1.42
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	69.26	73.68†	−0.18	3.83
Capital Units	141.90	150.90	−0.30	1.30
Commodity	106.80	113.60	−0.80	1.15
European Gth	147.20	156.50	−0.60	1.36
Financial Sec	166.70	177.30†	−1.00	1.90
High Return	210.60	224.00	...	4.47
High Yield	201.60	214.40	+0.40	4.07
Income Units	106.40	113.10	+0.30	5.06
Investment	170.90	181.80†	+0.80	1.14
Japan Gth	156.30	166.20	+0.80	...
Japan Smaller	194.60	207.00†	+1.50	...
Masterfund	45.92	48.85	+0.08	1.30
Scotbits	244.20	259.70	+1.10	1.62
Scotshares	250.20	266.10†	+1.90	2.31
Scotyields	218.80	232.70	+0.30	3.98
Select Intl	127.00	135.10†	+0.60	0.73
Smaller Cos	225.00	239.30	...	4.02
Special Situation	109.80	116.80	+1.40	0.83
UK Equity	220.60	234.60	−0.10	2.71
US Growth	134.50	143.00	+0.40	0.39
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	231.23	246.64†	+1.76	0.50
-do- Acc	250.49	267.18	+1.90	0.50
Australian	127.31	135.79	+1.49	0.79
-do- Acc	149.67	159.64	+1.76	0.79
UK Enterprise	205.53	219.23	+0.42	2.41
-do- Acc	237.43	253.25	+0.48	2.41
European Gth	59.11	62.87	+0.37	1.40
-do- Acc	61.19	65.08	+0.38	1.40
Euro Smllr Cos	54.61	58.24	+0.26	0.39
-do- Acc	54.99	58.64	+0.27	0.39
Far Eastern Gth	71.29	76.04	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	72.44	77.27	+0.20	...
Fixed Interest	52.19	55.04	+0.17	6.80
-do- Acc	63.38	66.83	+0.20	6.80
Gilt Income	101.43	106.88	+0.26	7.51
-do- Acc	141.66	149.27	+0.36	7.51
Income	307.47	327.95	+0.24	4.01
-do- Acc	906.93	967.39	+0.70	4.01
Japan Enterprise	69.77	74.42	+0.80	...
-do- Acc	69.77	74.42	+0.80	...
Japan Smllr Cos	481.95	514.07	+5.66	...
-do- Acc	482.91	515.09	+5.67	...
Pacific Gth	92.13	98.27	+0.03	0.20
-do- Acc	94.87	101.18	+0.02	0.20
Smaller Cos	189.48	202.11	+0.44	0.91
-do- Acc	217.15	231.63	+0.50	0.91
Tokyo	108.31	115.53	+0.25	...
-do- Acc	109.41	116.70	+0.25	...
UK Equity	204.94	218.60	+0.67	2.69
-do- Acc	379.53	404.83	+1.24	2.69
US Smllr Cos	130.49	139.18†	+1.28	...
-do- Acc	130.49	139.18	+1.28	...
World Fd	69.14	73.74	+0.25	1.60
-do- Acc	72.89	77.75	+0.26	1.60
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	45.85	48.83	+0.04	4.43
Equity Strategy	64.19	68.36	+0.03	1.13
European Opps	69.05	73.54	−0.44	3.22
Maximum Inc	98.98	101.53	...	5.46
UK Smaller Cos	51.69	55.05	+0.25	3.21
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	339.20	362.50	+0.80	2.75
American	237.20	251.70	+1.00	0.93
Pacific	333.30	356.50	+1.10	0.61
European	435.10	465.30	+0.50	1.23
Worldwide	78.43	83.85	+0.29	1.06
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	297.10	316.10	+0.80	2.62
UK Sm Cos Eqty	206.50	219.70	+0.40	1.65
European	320.80	341.30†	+0.50	1.89
North American	243.90	259.50†	+0.70	0.51
Income Plus Inc	63.97	68.06	+0.21	2.66
UK Spec Sits	66.27	70.50	+0.34	2.43
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	25.00	26.76†	+0.03	2.88
Intl Growth Acc	28.66	30.68†	+0.16	1.15
Global Inc Acc	30.31	32.44	+0.12	3.28
Market Ldrs Acc	25.40	27.19	...	2.96
SG TOUCHE REMNANT 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA. 071 410 4029				
American Gth	79.52	85.04	−0.01	...
Euro Spec Sits	44.01	46.88†	−0.20	...
-do- Acc	46.60	49.64	−0.20	...
Far East Opps	32.39	34.85	...	...
-do- Acc	33.28	35.81	...	...

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General Growth	97.51	104.30	+0.20	2.03
Global Tech	120.40	130.20†	+1.30	..
Income Growth	101.10	108.80	+0.10	3.46
Income Monthly	56.45	60.37	+0.06	4.28
Japan Growth	83.23	88.49	+0.78	...
Overseas Gth	74.45	79.09†	+0.15	...
Smaller Cos	72.79	78.26†	+0.24	1.58
Special Opps	103.40	111.10	+0.20	2.09
Wld Spec Sits	47.28	50.96	+0.05	...
-do- Acc	47.39	51.07	+0.05	...
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
European	395.18	...	+0.06	...
Global Bond	194.86	...	−0.02	7.30
Japan Samurai	199.13	...	+0.90	...
UK Growth	195.26	...	−0.26	4.15
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	43.36	46.07	+0.10	1.60
Equity Gth Acc	58.37	62.02	+0.10	1.75
UK Eq General	41.08	43.65	+0.10	2.31
-do- Acc	54.31	57.71	+0.10	2.31
European Acc	39.76	42.25	−0.30	1.15
Far East Acc	55.43	58.90	+0.90	0.13
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	29.75	31.47†	+0.10	6.80
N American Acc	42.12	44.76	+0.40	0.70
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	274.10	297.50	+2.70	1.46
UK Eq High Inc	34.51	36.67†	+0.10	3.95
-do- Acc	40.99	43.56	+0.10	3.95
UK Lgr Cos Inc	283.50	307.60	+1.20	3.86
UK Lgr Cos Acc	369.10	400.50	+1.50	3.86
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N253.64	N253.87	...	1.20
US Eq	$2.114	$2.244	...	0.80
Far East Eq	Y247.0	Y262.3	...	...
Japan Eq	Y248.9	Y264.3	...	...
FT Europe	109.50	116.30	...	2.19
FT North Am	$1.727	$1.830	...	1.09
FT Japan	Y253.4	Y269.2	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.932	$2.052	...	1.60
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	329.80	350.90	+1.70	0.32
British	916.60	960.80	+1.00	4.26
European	383.50	408.30	−1.40	1.44
Japan	147.00	156.20	+0.20	...
New Pacific	291.60	310.60	−1.70	1.28
Mngd Cash	95.90	95.90	...	5.05
Majority Stlg	100.09	101.09	+0.01	4.80
Inv Tst	184.50	195.60	+0.90	1.83
Saints PPP	360.80	379.80	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	710.40	759.80	+2.40	2.40
N America Acc	112.10	119.90	+0.40	0.06
Far East Acc	122.40	130.90	−0.80	...
W wide Bond	58.98	62.61†	−0.16	5.45
European	80.71	86.32	−0.36	0.49
Equity Income	80.75	86.36	+0.11	3.81
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	33.51	35.84	+0.10	0.63
Managed Assets	116.68	124.80	+0.38	3.28
UK Income	36.06	38.57	+0.11	3.08
UK Growth	35.61	38.09	+0.17	2.34
Worldwide Gth	30.46	32.58†	+0.04	0.38
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	198.55	211.22	+1.08	0.14
-do- Acc	218.07	231.99	+1.19	0.14
British Gth	84.05	89.42	+0.32	1.87
-do- Acc	98.90	105.21	+0.37	1.87
European	92.95	98.88	−0.82	0.87
-do- Acc	98.04	104.30	−0.86	0.87
Extra Inc	182.75	194.42	+0.21	3.87
-do- Acc	291.54	310.15	+0.34	3.87
General Unit	259.90	276.49	+0.42	2.47
-do- Acc	512.84	545.57	+0.82	2.47
Income	309.16	328.89†	−2.61	3.62
-do- Acc	642.44	683.45†	−5.43	3.62
International	476.51	506.93†	+1.11	0.45
-do- Acc	623.77	663.59†	+1.46	0.45
Pacific	337.60	359.15	−0.86	...
-do- Acc	353.57	376.14	−0.90	...
Premier Income	49.88	51.96†	−0.10	6.19
-do- Acc	104.01	108.34†	+0.22	6.19
Nat Resources	120.19	127.86†	−2.83	0.23
-do- Acc	131.83	140.24†	−3.10	0.23
Selected Opps	95.12	101.19	+0.24	1.14
-do- Acc	119.15	126.75	+0.30	1.14
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF 071 493 7262 Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Sml Cos	77.41	82.57	+0.49	...
-do- Acc	79.85	85.17	+0.52	...
Cash	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
European Opps	58.64	62.45	+0.08	0.47
-do- Acc	59.25	63.10	+0.08	0.47
Far East Opps	152.22	162.36	−0.25	...
-do- Acc	155.77	166.15	−0.26	...
Gold/Nat. Res	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Japan	87.22	92.76†	+1.07	...
-do- Acc	87.22	92.76†	+1.07	...
Little Dragons	70.05	74.72†	−0.01	0.67
-do- Acc	72.12	76.92†	...	0.67
Oriental Income	43.99	46.92	+0.24	3.39
-do- Acc	56.08	59.81	+0.31	3.39
Tiger	211.84	225.96†	−0.34	1.17
-do- Acc	222.57	237.40†	−0.34	1.17
UK Small Cos	72.70	77.75	+0.07	2.04
-do- Acc	84.81	90.70	+0.06	2.04
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	17.96	19.10	+0.14	0.50
Pacific Basin	31.27	33.27	+0.18	0.60
Canadian Gth	36.34	38.65	−0.02	...
Global Bond	$0.978	$1.019	+0.006	7.28
Penny Share	23.53	25.03	+0.16	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.74	52.74	+0.01	5.40
Gilt Growth	65.73	68.40	+0.37	...
Gilt Income	51.67	53.77	+0.21	7.25
Short Dtd Gilt	106.50	107.90	+0.20	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.714	$0.723	+0.000	...
Challenger	89.26	91.33	−0.09	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	66.74	71.00	+0.25	2.10

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	6,300	Carlton Cm	1,800	Land Secs	3,000	Scot Hydro	1,200
Abbey Natl	2,700	Coats Viyella	112	Legal & Gn	1,200	Scot & New	128
Alld-Lyons	2,400	Cm Union	1,300	Lloyds Bk	2,400	Scot Power	3,300
Anglian W	1,900	Courtaulds	408	MB Cardn	1,400	Sears	3,700
Argyll Gp	11,000	De La Rue	400	Marks Spr	1,900	Svrn Trent	2,900
Arjo Wiggn	3,900	Eng China	1,100	NFC	3,600	Shell Trans	2,900
AB Foods	242	Enterpr Oil	785	NatWst Bk	2,700	Siebe	990
BAA	697	Fisons	2,000	Nat Power	6,300	SmKl Bch	1,900
BAT Inds	3,700	Forte	810	Nth Wst W	1,600	Smith Nph	911
BOC	690	GRE	3,900	Nthn Fds	1,000	Sthn Elec	408
BP	5,100	GUS A	306	P & O	1,400	Std Chartd	1,100
BT	7,900	Gen Acc	1,000	Pearson	387	Sun Allnce	2,500
BTR	1,800	Gen Elec	5,000	PowerGen	4,400	TI Gp	765
Bk of Scot	534	Glaxo	3,300	Prudential	4,700	TSB	2,400
Barclays	1,400	Granada	1,600	RTZ	1,900	Tate & Lyle	3,000
Bass	758	Grand Met	5,400	Rank Org	157	Tesco	8,400
Blue Circle	5,100	Guinness	3,600	Reckitt Col	1,000	Thames W	1,800
Boots	2,600	HSBC	3,800	Redland	1,400	Thrn EMI	1,200
Bowater	1,100	Hanson	6,200	Reed Intl	546	Tomkins	1,500
Brit Airwys	3,700	ICI	2,900	Rentokil	1,200	Unilever	2,100
Brit Gas	1,200	Inchcape	843	Reuters	1,000	Utd Bisc	1,200
Brit Steel	6,600	Kingfisher	909	Rothmans	525	Vodafone	4,800
Burmah Cast	146	Kwik Save	204	Ryl Ins	1,500	Wellcome	2,600
Cable Wire	2,100	LASMO	4,100	Ryl Bk Scot	2,400	Whitbd 'A'	1,600
Cadbury	634	Ladbroke	2,200	Sainsbury	4,400	Wlms Hld	1,100

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3555.11 (+14.95)
S&P Composite 453.20 (-0.24)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 20852.63 (-43.36)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 7447.24 (+97.52)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 106.5 (same)

Sydney: AO 1749.1 (+31.7)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1634.47 (+12.47)

FT 30 share: 2213.8 (+5.1)

Brussels:
General 6105.52 (+40.61)

Paris: CAC 519.91 (+2.93)

Zurich: SKA Gen 505.1 (+6.3)

London:
FT A All-Share 1409.17 (+2.67)
FT 500 1532.56 (+3.19)
FT Gold Mines 197.1 (-5.6)
FT Fixed Interest 111.54 (+0.07)
FT Govt Secs 95.08 (+0.09)
Bargains 27255
SEAQ Volume 660.5m
USM (Datastrm) 137.96 (+0.16)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
May 17	May 28	August 12	August 23

Call options 27/5/93: Boots, Bridon, Cannon St, Christies Intl, Cupid, Enterprise Comp, Excalibur, Five Oaks, Hanson Wts, Johnson & Firth Brn, Nth Broken Hill, Regalian Prop, Ratners, Sycamore, Trafalgar House, Waverley, Western Areas. Puts: Hays, Kewill Sys. Puts & Calls: Emess Lighting, Greycoat, Hartstone, Hollas.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Jun 93	2860.0	2869.0	2850.0	2860.0	9843
Previous open interest: 49673	Sep 93	2881.0	2885.5	2875.0	2882.0	1926
Three Month Sterling	Jun 93	94.09	94.09	94.02	94.03	11455
Previous open interest: 314120	Sep 93	94.24	94.25	94.12	94.15	34715
	Dec 93	94.13	94.18	94.04	94.07	8640
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 93	96.68	96.71	96.68	96.70	492
Previous open interest: 18415	Sep 93	96.53	96.54	96.52	96.53	627
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 93	92.65	92.66	92.58	92.63	28563
Previous open interest: 581017	Sep 93	93.41	93.46	93.35	93.41	56987
US Treasury Bond	Jun 93				111-03	0
Previous open interest: 0	Sep 93				109-27	0
Long Gilt	Jun 93	104-30	105-04	104-16	104-25	39409
Previous open interest: 72211	Sep 93	104-06	104-08	103-20	103-29	13849
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 93	107.96	108.02	107.77	107.99	127
	Sep 93	107.02	107.12	106.78	107.07	1868
German Govmt Bond	Jun 93	94.09	94.47	94.08	94.45	100336
Previous open interest: 163268	Sep 93	94.34	94.72	94.32	94.71	12719
Three month ECU	Jun 93	92.47	92.47	92.33	92.43	1105
Previous open interest: 25993	Sep 93	93.17	93.17	93.03	93.16	1705
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 93	94.94	94.97	94.91	94.96	2429
Previous open interest: 40953	Sep 93	95.34	95.39	95.31	95.34	3900
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 93	99.45	99.54	99.25	99.43	12721
Previous open interest: 40304	Sep 93	99.34	99.35	99.10	99.25	6591

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 80.7 (day's range 80.5-81.1).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for May 27	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8056-2.8272	2.8120-2.8163	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Brussels	51.42-51.76	51.53-51.63	6-10ds	15-20ds
Copenhagen	9.5820-9.6620	9.6160-9.6380	2-3¼ds	[illegible]ds
Dublin	1.0261-1.0329	1.0308-1.0329	10-16ds	32-43ds
Frankfurt	2.5023-2.5207	2.5120-2.5153	[illegible]ds	1-1¼ds
Lisbon	239.93-241.89	240.24-240.72	160-175ds	440-485ds
Madrid	196.63-199.11	198.43-198.72	104-121ds	252-287ds
Milan	2293.80-2317.70	2311.50-2317.70	9-11ds	27-30ds
Montreal	1.9532-1.9670	1.9620-1.9642	0.26-0.16pr	0.46-0.27pr
New York	1.5470-1.5555	1.5545-1.5555	0.36-0.35pr	1.04-1.01pr
Oslo	10.5890-10.6650	10.6340-10.6570	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Paris	8.4490-8.4980	8.4870-8.4980	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Stockholm	11.2710-11.3710	11.2870-11.3110	2-3¼ds	6-7¼ds
Tokyo	166.97-168.08	167.88-168.08	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Vienna	17.61-17.76	17.65-17.71	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Zurich	2.2345-2.2550	2.2345-2.2376	¼pr-par	[illegible]pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5442-1.5468
Australia dollar	2.2318-2.2350
Bahrain dinar	0.579-0.591
Brazil cruzeiro*	63626.6-63637.9
Cyprus pound	0.74-0.75
Finland marka	8.437-8.553
Greece drachma	337.5-344.5
Hong Kong dollar	11.9428-11.9522
India rupee	48.19-49.15
Kuwait dinar KD	0.462-0.472
Malaysia ringgit	3.9557-3.9559
Mexico peso	4.78-4.88
New Zealand dollar	2.8325-2.8396
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7545-5.8805
Singapore dollar	2.4867-2.4901
S Africa rand (fin)	7.1656-7.2168
S Africa rand (com)	4.9391-4.9447
U A E dirham	5.638-5.762

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4436-1.4446
Austria	11.38-11.40
Belgium (Com)	33.23-33.27
Canada	1.2646-1.2651
Denmark	6.192-6.202
France	5.460-5.463
Germany	1.6185-1.6195
Hong Kong	7.725-7.726
Ireland	1.506-1.508
Italy	1487.0-1488.0
Japan	108.40-108.45
Malaysia	2.5587-2.5597
Netherlands	1.8140-1.8155
Norway	6.843-6.853
Portugal	155.2-155.4
Singapore	1.6087-1.6097
Spain	127.4-127.7
Sweden	7.297-7.307
Switzerland	1.4468-1.4478

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 4½ Week fixed: 5½
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible]. Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth: [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6-[illegible]
Interbank	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6-[illegible]
Overnight: open 6¼, close 5½.					
Local Authority Deps	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	6
Sterling CDs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs	3.06-3.03	n/a	3.15-3.12	3.28-3.23	3.60-3.55
Building Society CDs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6-[illegible]

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: May 28, 1993. Agreed rates June 23, 1993 to July 25, 1993. Schemes II & III: 7.30%. Reference rate May 1, 1993 to May 28, 1993. Scheme IV & V: 6.039%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark	8-[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc	[illegible]	[illegible]-5	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen	[illegible]-3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $374.50-375.00 Close: $376.70-377.70 High: $378.30-378.80
Low: $374.00-374.50 Krugerrand: $376.50-378.50 (£241.00-243.00)
Sovereigns: Old $89.00-91.00 (£56.50-57.50) New $89.00-91.00 (£56.50-57.50)
Platinum: $390.25 (£252.45) Silver: $4.60 (£2.965) Palladium: $120.50 (£77.95)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Lyon	500	46	59	66½	7½	15	21½
(*531)	550	16½	30½	39	30½	37½	45
Argyll	300	40	45	47	5½	10	15
(*335)	330	18	26½	31	16	22	30
ASDA	67	6½	9½	-	3½	6½	-
(*69½)	76	3	6	-	8½	12	-
Boots	420	31	44	49	11	17	23
(*437)	460	11	23	29	31	38	44
Br Airways	287	30½	40½	44½	5	12	16½
(*309)	316	12	24	29	19½	24	30½
BP	300	23	30	35½	8½	15	19½
(*310½)	330	8½	17	21½	24½	31	35
Br Steel	100	7	10	15	8½	10	12
(*99)	110	3½	7	11	15½	17	20
C & W	700	55½	69½	80½	16	25	34
(*741½)	750	24	41½	54	41	50	58½
CU	532	49	55	-	6½	16	-
(*569½)	580	18	28	-	26	40	-
Courtauld	500	46	60	68	8	16	24½
(*542)	550	15	31½	41½	31	42	49
ICI	1250	65½	86	10	40½	70½	84
(*1257½)	1300	41½	60½	87	68	100	111
Kingfishr	535	51	62	-	6½	17	-
(*574)	584	20	34	-	25	38	-
Land Sec	550	26	37	46	12	20	25
(*558½)	600	6	15	22	45	49	52
M & S	330	19	28	34	9	15	19
(*335½)	360	6	14	20	29	31	35
Nat West	460	29	38	49	15	27	32
(*469½)	500	11	20	32	37	50	55
Sainsbury	460	38	53	61	10	18	23
(*486)	500	15	30	39	27	36	42
Shell	600	30	40	49	11½	24	28½
(*611½)	650	8½	16	26½	41½	52½	56½
Smkl Bch	460	35	49	60	15	26	36½
(*477)	500	14	29	41	36	47	58½
Storehse	200	17½	27	30½	8	13	19
(*207½)	220	8	16	21	19½	24	30½
Trafalgar	101	10	14	-	5	7½	-
(*105½)	110	6	10	13	9½	12½	15
Unilever	1000	51	76	92	16	28	35
(*1024½)	1050	25	48	64	40	50	57

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Feb	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Feb
Grnd Met	360	45	50½	58	5	10½	17
(*304½)	390	22½	31½	39½	14½	22	30½
Ladbroke	180	13	19½	24	12½	20½	24
(*178½)	200	5½	12	17½	26	33½	36½
Utd Bisc	390	30	43½	51	16	23	31½
(*399)	420	21½	28½	36½	35	36½	47½

May 27, 1993 Tot: 26614 Calls: 13805 Puts: 12809 FT-SE Calls: 4715 Puts: 4232
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Jan
BAA	700	62	76½	81½	11	18½	24½
(*760)	750	28½	47	51½	30½	39	45½
Thames W	500	17½	27	30½	23	31½	34
(*507)	550	3½	9	13	62½	66	68

Series		Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
BAT Ind	400	44	48½	56½	6½	16	19
(*428½)	425	25½	32½	43	15	27½	30½
BTR	600	26	39½	48½	18½	32	37
(*603½)	650	7	18½	26½	50½	60	66
Br Aero	300	45	57	68	16	27	34
(*328½)	330	28½	41½	54½	30½	42	50½
Br Telcm	420	20	25½	30	16	26	32
(*421½)	460	5½	11½	15½	42	53	57½
Cadbury	420	30½	41	50	12	20½	24½
(*435½)	460	11	22	30½	34	42½	46
Guinness	460	32	49	60	14	24	29
(*474½)	500	16	28	39½	35½	45½	50½
GEC	300	24	27	32	8½	12½	15½
(*317)	330	7	13	18	26	28	31½
Hanson	220	18½	23	26	4½	8½	12
(*231½)	240	7½	13	16	14	18½	22
LASMO	140	23	28½	33	7	13	16
(*152½)	160	12½	19	24	17	23	26
Lucas	130	13½	18	21	9	16½	19
(*131)	140	9	13½	16	15½	23½	25½
Pilkingtn	130	11	15	19	8	12	14
(*132½)	140	5½	11½	15	14	17	20
Prudential	300	32	38	44	5	11	13
(*322½)	330	13	21	28	16	24	27
Redland	500	28	41½	47½	29	45	49½
(*491½)	550	11	23½	29½	65½	77½	81
Royal Ins	288	16	24	30	14	21	24
(*287)	317	5	12	19	33	38	42
Tesco	200	27	32	37	5	9½	13
(*219)	220	14	20	26	11	18	21
Vodafone	420	29½	45	52	16½	26	30
(*431)	460	12	26	34	39½	47½	51½
Williams	300	25	32½	37	8½	16	20½
(*311½)	330	11	17½	24½	24½	33½	36½

FT-SE INDEX (*2855)

	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950
Calls						
Jun	171	122	79	44	19	8
Jul	182	140	101	68	44	26
Aug	201	161	124	92	68	48
Sep	215	178	144	114	81	67
Dec	261	-	192	-	136	-
Puts						
Jun	5½	9	15	32	62	104
Jul	13	21	32	51	77	111
Aug	25	33	48	68	92	124
Sep	33	46	61	82	108	137
Dec	64	-	93	-	137	-

Series		Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abby Nat	390	25	36	46	3½	14	19
(*410½)	420	6	19	30	16	28	34
Amstrad	30	3½	6	7	1½	3	4
(*32½)	35	1	3½	5	4	6	7
Barclays	420	45	55	64	2	11	17
(*458½)	460	12	28	40	12	27	32
Blue Circ	240	13	26½	31½	3½	11½	18
(*250)	260	5	16	22	14	22	29
Br Gas	280	17	26	30	3	7	14
(*294)	300	5	14½	19	10½	16½	23½
	330	1	5	8	38	38½	44
Dixons	200	18	25	33	3½	13	18
(*214)	220	6	16	23	13	24	28
Forte	180	16	26½	30½	3	8	14½
(*191)	200	4	15	21	11½	18	25
Glaxo	600	31½	61	72	13	34	54
(*612)	650	8½	37	49	42½	61½	82
	700	2	21½	32	87	97½	16
HSBC	600	40	68	84	8	27	41
(*633½)	650	11	41	59	29	50	65
Hillsdwn	140	10½	19	23	4	8½	13
(*146½)	160	2	9	12	15	20	24
Lonrho	120	4½	10½	15	9	16	19
(*114½)	130	2	7	12	17	22½	26
Reuter	1300	92	133	172	4½	37	57
(*1372½)	1350	49	101½	143	15½	57	78
R-Royce	140	9½	16½	21	4½	9	15½
(*144)	160	2	8	12½	17½	21½	27
Sears	90	12	15	17	1½	3	5½
(*99½)	100	4	8½	12	4	6½	10
Tarmac	130	5½	12½	15	6	11½	16½
(*130)	140	3	8	12	14	17½	23
Thrn Emi	850	42	58	73½	5	31½	42
(*880)	900	12	29½	46	28	59½	68½
Tomkins	220	14	21	26½	3	9	14
(*229)	240	3½	10½	17	13	22	25
TSB	180	8	16	20	3½	12	16
(*185)	200	3	7½	12	18	24	27
Wellcome	750	54	87½	108	10½	30	53
(*795)	800	24	59	82	31	53½	76

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Dec	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Dec
Fisons	160	18	27	29	8½	15	18½
(*165½)	180	9	17	20	20	26	30

Series		Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
Eastn Elc	460	26	34	40½	21	28	34
(*469)	500	8	17	23½	48½	53	57½

Series		Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Natl Pwr	330	19½	30	39½	3	10½	15
(*345½)	360	4½	15	24	19	25½	29½
Scot Pwr	310	16	22½	26½	2½	12	15
(*321)	330	4½	11	17	12	23½	26

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Cocoa has been on a gentle decline for some months now as the effect of a manufacturers 'buying strike' has weighed on the market. Although they have been eating into their stocks quite happily, predictions of a third successive production deficit in 1993/94 could get the market going. A deficit of 200,000 tonnes is possible next year which could reduce the stock/consumption ratio to critical levels.

LONDON FOX COCOA

May	642 SLR	Jul	749-745
Jul	662-661	Sep	764-763
Sep	679-678	Dec	789-786
Dec	699-698	Mar	811-808
Mar	719-718		
May	734 SLR		Volume: 1708

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	933-912	Jan	943-939
Jul	927-925	Mar	969 SLR
Sep	931 BID	May	unq
Nov	938-936		Volume: 2882

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot: unq		Mar	-
May	unq	May	-
Aug	-	Aug	-
Oct	-		Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	290.0-87.0
Spot: 281.5		May	295.0-90.0
Aug	286.5-85.0	Aug	301.0-96.0
Oct	286.5-85.0	Oct	294.8-89.0
Dec	290.0-88.0		Volume: 631

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 27

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	93.34	136.69	144.24
(+/-)	+1.59	-4.69	-0.47
Eng/Wales:	93.36	136.63	144.28
(+/-)	-1.55	-4.66	-0.78
(%)	-13.5	+1.8	-11.2
Scotland:	91.56	138.78	144.07
(+/-)	+4.54	-5.01	-0.87
(%)	-26.6	-20.6	-20.3

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Jun	111.5	111.5	Oct	unq	unq
Jul	105.0	105.0		Volume: 0	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Jun	140.15
Sep	107.25
Nov	108.60
Jan	111.60
Mar	114.00
	Volume: 132

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	105.45
Nov	108.15
Jan	110.00
Mar	112.45
May	113.90
	Volume: 1

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Jun	145.00
Aug	142.80
Oct	145.80
Dec	147.80
Feb	unq
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	62.5
Apr	101.0	100.3
May	109.0	109.0
		Volume: 92

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Jul 59.00-59.50

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Ahead of a long weekend and an Opec meeting, a round of short-covering pushed levels higher.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.30	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Jun)	18.45	+0.25
Brent 15 day (Jul)	18.60	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	20.10	+0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	20.25	+0.25

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	209 (n/c)	211 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	171 (+1)	171 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Jun	171 (+1)	172 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Jul	172 (+1)	173 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	66 (n/c)	68 (n/c)
Naphtha	182 (-1)	184 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Jun	170.50-70.75	Sep	175.25-75.50
Jul	171.25-71.50	Oct	178.25-78.50
Aug	173.00 SLR	Nov	180.00-80.50
			Vol: 13795

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jul	18.65-18.66	Oct	18.95-18.99
Aug	18.77-18.78	Nov	19.01 BID
Sep	18.86 BID		Vol: 19452

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Jun	200.00 SLR	Sep	n/a
Jul	201.00 SLR	Oct	n/a
Aug	n/a		Vol: 24

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jun 93	1463	1430	1448
Jul 93	1330	1314	1330
Oct 93	1390	1374	1385
Jan 94	1440	1430	1433

Vol: 299 lots. Open Int'st: 3458 Index 1628 -14

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1150.5-1151.0	1166.0-1167.0	1333525
Lead (£/tonne)	261.00-271.25	270.50-271.00	79150
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	947.50-948.00	966.00-967.00	419300
Tin ($/tonne)	5345.0-5350.0	5405.0-5410.0	4545
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1123.5-1124.0	1146.0-1147.0	842675
Nickel ($/tonne)	5625.0-5630.0	5694.0-5695.0	842675

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No	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Western Mining	Mining	
2	Croda	Chems, Plas	
3	Br Aerospace	Motors, Air	
4	Greene King	Breweries	
5	Compass Gp	Leisure	
6	TLS Range	Industrial	
7	Whitbread 'A'	Breweries	
8	Reckitt Colm	Industrial	
9	Grampian	Leisure	
10	Allied-Lyons	Breweries	
11	THORN EMI	Electrical	
12	Ocean Group	Transport	
13	Euro Disney	Leisure	
14	Storehouse	Drapery,Stors	
15	Tate & Lyle	Foods	
16	Border TV	Leisure	
17	Lon Intl	Industrial	
18	Boots	Industrial	
19	Kleeneze	Industrial	
20	Close Bros	Banks, Disc	
21	HTV Group	Leisure	
22	Trinity Intl	Newspaper,Pub	
23	Grand Met	Breweries	
24	Tr'hook	Transport	
25	Hambros	Banks, Disc	
26	Wolv'hmpton D	Breweries	
27	Hydro-- Elect	Electricty	
28	GKN	Industrial	
29	Sidlaw	Industrial	
30	Psion	Electrical	
31	Lilleshall	Industrial	
32	Magnolia	Industrial	
33	Chubb Sec	Business Serv	
34	Swire Pacfc 'A'	Industrial	
35	Sutcr	Industrial	
36	Yule Catto	Chems, Plas	
37	Christies Int	Industrial	
38	BAA	Transport	
39	CRA	Mining	
40	British Gas	Oils, Gas	

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
748	558	RMC Gp	738	-1	...	3.4	29.0
117	93	Ralph Ind	110	-2	6.0	7.3	17.2
36	29	Ransom	30	...	...	...	...
579	402	Rank Org	478	-11	15.0	6.3	18.7
75	64	Rankl	70	...	4.3	7.7	10.1
280	207	Rmsay Group	272	-2	8.4	3.0	20.8
49	32	Rathbone Bros	42	...	...	...	...
112	68	Thorpe & Fisher	112	...	...	4.5	10.5
188	130	Sheffield Insl	188	-2	...	4.3	10.3
100	82	Sheriff Hdgs	100	-2	...	2.5	14.9
81	66	Shanks	73	...	...	8.9	16.6
228	205	Smart (J)	205	-15	8.5	5.2	9.2
6½	4½	Stanmib	5	+½	0.3	7.5	∞
142	102	Tarmac	130	+4	5.5	5.3	...
214	137	Tay Homes	214	...	5.6	4.6	11.6
118	63	Taylor Woodrw	108	-2	1.6	2.2	...
555	453	Tilbury Douglas	547 †	-2	13.0	7.5	∞
25	19	Tomkins	24	...	...	2.1	...
226	168	Travis Perkins	221	...	8.0	4.5	30.3
49	36	Try Group	39	...	1.0	5.3	11.0
28	20	Tunnel	28	...	...	1.1	...
38	28	Ultramar	38	...	...	1.3	...
475	353	Unilever	395	...	10.7	3.4	17.0
29	8	Vescole	29	...	...	...	...
152	90	Vickers	141	-1	5.0	4.5	...
12	6½	West Scottish	9	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	5	...	...	...	...
481	371	Wilson Bowdn	443	-2	8.7	2.5	30.4
205	147	Wilson (C)	185	-2	3.8	2.7	32.0
186	107	Wimpey G	171	-2	5.3	3.8	∞
47	25	YRM	45	-1	4.0	...	5.2

BUSINESS SERVICES

675	443	ADT	560	...	...	...	∞
228	198	Adam & Harvey	213	...	11.0	5.1	7.3
92	56	Air Londons	65	...	...	6.9	7.8
50	32	African Lakes	49	...	2.0	5.1	...
178	128	Aggs Sec	139	...	5.3	3.9	...
210	94	BET Ord	109	...	...	7.5	16.0
93	41	BMB Res	93	...	4.0	4.6	...
311	258	BPP	290	...	8.0	3.5	17.9
285	218	Barlow Inder	226	...	7.2	3.9	17.4
22	15	Bowtell	22	...	0.7	4.6	...
240	184	Brk Data Mgt	230	...	...	2.7	19.9
21	11	Broadcastle	21	...	...	...	16.7
73	54	Bunzls Service	71	...	...	...	...
104	86	CMT Gp	89	...	2.4	3.9	10.2
173	139½	Capita Group	173	...	...	0.9	27.0
42½	31	Cantest Plc	41½	+½	0.9	2.4	...
58	40	Caterm Capital	58	+3	...	...	...
31	24	Christie	31	+1	...	...	...
299	228	Chubb Sec	299	+5	7.2	2.4	30.9
93	58	Comax	63	...	4.4	10.7	...
18½	6½	Corp Services	18½	+½	...	...	...
98	50	Dust	88	-1	3.3	4.7	10.0
218	198	Davis Service	218	+4	...	4.6	16.6
104	85	EW Pack	92	...	6.3	5.9	10.5
59	11	Gardiner	35	...	0.6	3.3	17.3
44	29	Gardner (DC)	35	...	...	...	...
246	225	Hays	225	-1	6.6	2.6	25.3
220	174	Hogg Robinson	182	...	6.3	4.3	13.7
70	54	Holmes Protectn	54	...	...	...	1.5
189	127	Hoskyns Group	189	...	...	2.5	...
115	96½	ISS Int DKr	115	...	...	0.9	17.2
637	532	Incscape	582	+11	...	2.9	20.6
965	669	Johnson Clean	827	...	26.7	3.9	∞
12	2½	Lop	10	+1	...	...	...
264	173	Manr Gp	220	-4	5.5	5.3	...
1182	893	Manpower	981	...	...	1.0	18.1
47½	40½	Michael Page	47½	+½	1.8	4.7	20.2
279	217	Pearce	254	...	...	1.0	64.3
4½	2	Prime People	3½	...	...	...	...
142	85	Prondfoot Ass	84	...	12.0	17.9	∞
423	373	RCO	375	...	12.8	4.6	12.0
118	105	REA	105 †	...	4.0	4.8	...
90	43	Reed Executive	86	+2	...	...	...
156	112	Reliance Sec	126	...	5.0	4.8	12.7
258	182	Rentokil	252	+3	2.3	1.5	24.0
278	240	Robt & Nelson	260	...	7.2	3.5	∞
369	343	Salvesen (C)	370	-2	7.0	2.4	20.5
35	29	Scott Pickford	30	...	...	3.5	8.3
208	164	Securicor	208	...	9.4	3.9	15.8
6	5	Select Appts	6	...	...	...	...
988	698	Serco Gp	965	...	14.0	1.8	26.7
352	330	Sherwd Comp	350	...	...	3.5	∞
130	92	Signicley	98 †	...	3.0	4.2	...
1035	710	Wagner Rowrd	920 †	...	6.5	2.5	16.7
45	27	Welpac	30	...	0.6	2.5	...
26	14	Wills Gp	22	...	...	0.6	30.1

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

248	216	Allied Colloids	218	+1	3.9	2.2	17.3
759	613	Amersham	688	+19	12.5	2.3	25.5
7	3½	Anglo Utd	3½	...	0.8	...	...
1.615½	825	BASF DM	900	+212½	...	7.5	...
257	190	BTP	247 †	+2	...	5.7	20.1
1119	1.01½	Bayer DM50	5.85½	+17½	...	5.4	21.1
178	134	Bkgden	173	...	9.5	5.9	18.6
165	93	Brent Chems	94	...	...	9.8	8.6
530	393	Br Bio-Tech	400	...	...	...	...
20	18	Cated Gp	20½	...	1.3	6.5	...
153	126	Cumming (W)	145	+5	7.2	5.0	16.4
608	504	Courtaulds	541	...	...	3.5	14.2
281	228	Croda	276	+8	...	3.5	18.0
146	122	Doeflex	135	...	4.6	4.3	10.4
206	175	Ellis & Everard	205	+2	7.0	4.5	18.7
31	15½	Euro Colour	30½	+2	0.8	3.5	∞
291	259	Halstead (J)	288	...	...	2.6	14.4
241	194	Hickson	240	...	...	4.2	22.3
2.114½	885½	Hoechst	978½	+13½	...	3.9	...
228	178	Holliday Chem	219	+2	...	2.1	20.2
1309	1048	ICI	1255	-12½	55.0	5.5	31.2
688	581	Laporte	616	+1	10.5	4.0	17.0
223	181	Leigh	183	...	7.8	5.3	14.9
19½	7	MTM	14½	+3	...	...	...
1712½	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1675	...	...	1.7	∞
449	330	Paterson Zoch	449	...	11.4	3.2	19.3
399	360	-do- 'A'	398	...	11.4	3.6	17.2
296	247	Pilkn	292	...	7.0	2.6	...
215	173	Porvair	214	...	3.6	2.1	22.5
13	7½	SunBlitz Speak	10½	...	...	...	...
475	425	Wardle Storeys	437	...	10.0	4.6	17.6
490	395	Wimbledon R	420	...	17.0	4.7	15.4
402	344	Yorks Chem	392	...	...	5.1	21.0
306	240	Yule Catto	280	+4	5.9	2.5	17.9

DRAPERY, STORES

105	63	Alexon	89	...	3.0	4.2	...
87	42	Amber Day	81 †	-1	5.1	4.8	22.2
319	257	Argos Plc	310	-1	...	2.8	21.3
122	69	Ashley (Laura)	110	...	...	0.1	...
305	278	Aspreys	295	...	...	2.5	23.1
265	225	Austin Reed	243	+8	5.0	2.6	∞
153	125	Bemalls (J) 'A'	142	+2	6.0	5.5	∞
121	97	Bensalls	109	...	1.8	2.2	...
276	208	Bentorware	264	+8	2.0	1.0	∞
34	22	Blacks Leis	33	...	...	4.1	22.2
227	133	Body Shop	210	-2	1.7	1.0	∞
16	12	Brown & Jackson	15½	...	...	0.7	∞
401	318	Brown (N)	372	+2	7.0	2.4	∞
87½	64½	Burton	87½	-2	...	3.5	∞
145	116	Centers	143	...	...	3.4	18.4
305	236	Church	303	...	12.5	4.4	31.4
188	97	Clinton Cards	168	...	4.3	2.7	17.5
247	212	Coats Viyella	233	-1	...	3.9	30.3
108	78	Colorvision	91	...	...	...	15.4
306	274	Courts Furnish	304	+3	5.0	1.2	25.5
155	115	Crown Eyes	137	...	...	5.5	6.4
109	89	Daisy Fstn Intl	109	...	...	3.1	17.3
69½	51½	Dewhirst (JG)	69	...	1.0	1.8	22.2
287	194	Dimmy Grp	274	+7	6.0	3.5	25.2
405	330	Dunhill	388	-11	7.7	2.5	13.4
21	12½	ERA Gp	16	...	...	...	...
530	400	Ejys (Wimbldn)	460	...	16.0	4.5	15.4
115	71	Elect Term	101	...	...	3.4	17.1
295	203	Enzo	262 †	-2	6.9	3.6	22.2
562	499	Fitc Air Dev	538 †	+1	12.7	3.0	∞
50	36	Fired Earth Tiles	36	...	...	...	...
508	458	Fionnigans	498	...	12.5	3.1	10.4
548	474	Delta	531	...	...	3.3	21.9
298	206	Dennmans Ele	287	...	...	2.3	12.7
520	460	Dunelm	496	+6	7.2	1.8	16.9
529	476	Gerry Gp	503	+1	2.5	5.4	19.1
65	48	Dowding Mills	58	...	...	1.1	26.3
1040	865	Drucks	1038	...	...	1.1	20.3
411	308	Electrocomptns	398	...	9.0	2.3	21.0
573	470	El Data Pre	555	...	11.1	2.0	15.2
98	69	Elsmere House	80	...	2.3	2.9	24.4
305	265	Empire	270	...	6.1	2.3	...
587	442	Euromarm	578	-1	9.0	1.7	28.3
130	108	FKI	130	+1	6.2	4.8	12.7
391	340	Farnell Elect	380	...	...	2.7	22.8
51	33	Fenthecks A	48	...	...	...	...
18	9	Ferranti	14	...	1.1	6.7	4.3
195	101	First Tech	192	...	...	...	...
256	81	Forward Gps	224	-1	...	1.9	∞
21	16	Forward Tech	16	...	...	...	...
518	318	Gec	518	-2	9.6	1.8	16.8
155	110	Gresley	155	...	10.9	8.8	∞
14½	9	Greysone	9½	...	...	...	...
39	30	Hillsdown	39	...	...	3.9	16.9
190	135	INSTEM A	135	+3	...	2.9	9.7
388	320	Jones Stroud	378	...	8.0	2.6	16.3
16	8	Kenbury	13½	-½	0.3	3.5	5.2
321	280	Kenwood App	311	...	...	3.0	16.5
231	181	Kwelt Sys	173	+3	...	...	8.7
203	160	Kodc	200	+5	5.5	3.4	23.7
60	16	Laser-Scan	48	+2	...	...	...
365	122	LMdCo	305	-9	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

182	147	ACT Group	153	...	4.5	3.7	15.1
260	225	Amle	258	...	...	3.1	19.9
480	385	Acorn Comps	409	...	...	...	55.3
240	225	Admiral	436	...	9.4	1.5	18.4
130	104	Allen	128	...	4.7	4.6	16.8
43	19½	Alphameric	37	...	...	...	...
39½	32	Amstrad	32½	...	0.4	...	...
128	73	App Holns	78	...	...	...	...
21	13	Arlen	20	...	...	...	...
58	39	Assoc	50½	...	...	...	0.9
280	250	Beales Hunter	275	...	9.2	4.2	14.5
9	5½	Bennett & Fount	5½	...	...	...	...
405½	319	Bicc	398	-7	19.2	3.2	26.3
478	358	Blick	454	...	9.2	2.4	16.8
1700	1150	Borland	1650	...	...	...	...
390	274	Boxthorpe	313	...	...	6.3	25
448½	376	BT	423½	+4	...	4.7	20.8
10½	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	10½	...	0.1	1.2	...
151	110	Burndfield	140	...	5.7	5.1	22.1
760	668	Cable Wireless	743	+4	13.2	2.5	22.9
18	11½	Chloride	16	+½	...	...	...
261	228	CMS Micro	251	...	...	2.4	16.5
115	74	Comptr People	115	...	0.6	0.7	...
135	108½	Cray Elect	133½	...	...	0.4	12.6
303	243	Cridchley	303	...	...	2.3	23.6
99	86	Dale	99	...	5.1	5.4	9.6
548	474	Delta	531	...	...	3.3	21.9
298	206	Dennmans Ele	287	...	...	2.3	12.7
520	460	Dunelm	496	+6	7.2	1.8	16.9
529	476	Gerry Gp	503	+1	2.5	5.4	19.1
65	48	Dowding Mills	58	...	...	1.1	26.3
1040	865	Drucks	1038	...	...	1.1	20.3
411	308	Electrocomptns	398	...	9.0	2.3	21.0
573	470	El Data Pre	555	...	11.1	2.0	15.2
98	69	Elsmere House	80	...	2.3	2.9	24.4
305	265	Empire	270	...	6.1	2.3	...
587	442	Euromarm	578	-1	9.0	1.7	28.3
130	108	FKI	130	+1	6.2	4.8	12.7
391	340	Farnell Elect	380	...	...	2.7	22.8
51	33	Fenthecks A	48	...	...	...	...
18	9	Ferranti	14	...	1.1	6.7	4.3
195	101	First Tech	192	...	...	...	...
256	81	Forward Gps	224	-1	...	1.9	∞
21	16	Forward Tech	16	...	...	...	...
518	318	Gec	518	-2	9.6	1.8	16.8
155	110	Gresley	155	...	10.9	8.8	∞
14½	9	Greysone	9½	...	...	...	...
39	30	Hillsdown	39	...	...	3.9	16.9
190	135	INSTEM A	135	+3	...	2.9	9.7
388	320	Jones Stroud	378	...	8.0	2.6	16.3
16	8	Kenbury	13½	-½	0.3	3.5	5.2
321	280	Kenwood App	311	...	...	3.0	16.5
231	181	Kwelt Sys	173	+3	...	...	8.7
203	160	Kodc	200	+5	5.5	3.4	23.7
60	16	Laser-Scan	48	+2	...	...	...
365	122	LMdCo	305	-9	...	...	...

Shares enjoy modest gains

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began May 24. Dealings end June 4. §Contango day June 7. Settlement day June 14. ‡Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
360	260	Lec Refrig	286	...	9.0	4.2	...
170	135	Life Sciences	161	...	3.5	2.8	17.4
215	164	Logica	191	...	3.6	2.0	17.3
54	44	LPA Inds	46	...	...	2.3	15.6
212	180	Mk Data Magnm	180	-1	4.2	3.0	17.2
673	520	Macro 4	653	...	...	2.4	21.8
630	537	Mercury Com	595	...	...	1.9	19.5
3035	2700	Misys Focus	2705	-2	...	1.6	21.3
337	188	Microgen	188	-1	2.2	4.8	12.8
34½	25½	Microvitec	25	...	...	...	...
316	267	Misys	309	+3	6.1	1.5	23.2
327	98	Mitel	294	-9	...	...	...
138	108	MMT Comps	119 †	...	...	3.7	15.1
168	152	Muldome Elect	153	...	3.0	2.8	16.3
153	116	Murray Exter	152	+3	5.8	3.6	16.5
641½	525	NYMEX	525	...	2.6	2.1	20.4
188	140	Neomatics	158	...	...	...	...
65	42	Newmark (L)	65	...	...	1.1	16.0
114	58	Norbains	111	...	...	1.1	16.0
25	20	Northamber	20	-1	0.5	1.3	...
15½	9	Operation	11½	...	...	...	7.5
257	197	Oxford Inst	247	-2	4.9	2.2	46.8
68	48	P-E Interntl	63	...	1.0	1.7	...
83	59	PAF	68	...	1.4	2.6	36.1
80	56	Perk	80	...	3.4	4.3	17.5
115	97	Pegasus	108 †	...	...	5.0	40.5
9000	9000	Philips Fl 4%	9000	...	...	64	...
1080	725	-do- Leap Iw	985½	+125	...	...	...
355	343	Pilco	353	+2	7.7	2.2	38.3
232	203	-do- 'A' Vtng	232	+2	7.7	2.3	38.6
1080	725	Plessey	1080	...	65	6.1	...
69	41	Prism	68	...	4.0	6.6	...
109	78	Proton	98 †	...	2.4	3.1	19.8
156	105	Psion	121	+3	...	2.6	32.1
224	168	Racal Elect	208	+1	1.5	0.9	25.4
80	45	Redstone	68	...	1.0	1.4	∞
183	154	Redstone	165	...	...	...	16.7
97	61	Real Time	77	...	...	4.9	7.0
26	18	Rena	21	...	...	...	...
668	482	Sage Gp	568	+4	9.0	1.6	34.2
68	49	Scantronic	58	...	2.9	5.0	20.2
162	117	Scholes Gp	156	+3	5.5	3.5	24.4
330	270	Serco Gp	328 †	+1	2.6	1.2	24.6
39	30	Shepherdless	34	...	...	0.2	...
46	37	Smithsbrooke	44	...	...	6.2	14.8
24½	17½	TDR	22½	...	...	1.3	∞
77	61	TDS Circuits	77	...	...	...	...
80	60	Telemetrix	150	-2	0.8	0.7	∞
894	808	THORN EMI	879	+8	...	4.7	17.8
103	75	Total Systems	103	+1	2.5	3.4	14.6
473	373	Tomkins	436	-2	8.0	1.7	17.3
256	164	Unitech	242	-3	5.8	3.0	42.3
11½	6	Veritys	8½	...	...	...	...
33½	24	Vistec	32	...	1.2	3.7	27.3
434	367	Wassall	434	+9	9.5	2.1	22.1
441	368	Wolfe	391	...	...	5.4	19.8
22	11	Western Selects	19	...	...	...	...
253	233	Wholesale Figs	253	...	11.7	5.8	20.1

ELECTRICITY

487	389	East Midlands	458	-5	17.1	4.7	8.8
496	399	Eastern Elect	460	-6	17.1	4.7	8.8
359	304	Hydro-- Elect	341	+6	10.1	3.7	12.1
508	424	London Elect	485	+9	16.8	4.3	9.0
548	458	Manweb	522	-5	18.2	4.4	7.5
514	424½	Midlands Elec	487	-6	17.2	4.6	9.8
549	440	Northern Elec	505	-5	18.5	4.6	7.5
544	439	Norweb	505	-9	17.7	4.4	9.5
549	430	Scottish Power	509	+9	...	4.4	9.5
529	436	Seeboard	504	-3	17.2	4.3	9.0
571	468	Sth Wales	536	-3	19.4	4.5	8.5
533	436	Sth Western	487	-4	17.4	4.5	8.8
496	396	Southern Elec	468	-4	17.0	4.5	8.5
552	455	Yorkshire Elec	513	-4	17.7	4.3	9.5
354½	273	National Power	346	+11	...	3.8	10.5
358	273	PowerGen	358	+11½	...	3.7	11.1

FINANCE, LAND

60½	51	Aitken Hume	51	...	0.5	...	32.6
97	47	BWD	84	...	...	4.8	13.1
60	39	Baltic Plc	55	...	1.0	1.5	∞
455	420	Caledonia	420	-9	14.4	4.3	16.1
1500	1075	Cametha	1325	...	22.0	2.5	11.6
265	243	Candover	264	...	10.2	4.0	18.7
100	71	Fleetcrib	99	+1	...	0.6	∞
203	153	Gowett	202	-3	...	3.4	8.8
150	125	Ivory Sime	149	+½	...	5.3	15.6
64	47	ITT	64	...	...	...	...
12	11	Lighterlgh	12	...	...	...	0.6
209	154	Lon Forfaitings	200	...	8.4	5.4	14.3
97	47	Manakin	97	...	...	...	...
124	3½	Mr Homes Loan	10½	...	...	...	...
49	40	Newmarket	49	...	...	...	...
275	246	Rathbone Bro	272	...	6.0	2.8	16.5
22	17	Rutland Tst	22	...	...	4.5	13.1
338	285	S & U	285 †	...	10.0	4.7	∞
69	48	Slingsby & Fried	64	...	2.6	5.1	∞
950	738	Sotheby's	950	+25	...	4.0	...
108	83	SIP Capital	107	...	3.0	3.5	16.4

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1850	1487½	Amer Express	1850½	+18½	...	...	...
234	183	Electra	225	+1	6.7	3.9	30.7
978	805	Henderson Ad	915	...	41.0	5.6	20.1
191	152	Investm MGM	180	...	3.0	3.4	∞
218	164	Jardine Strat	216	...	...	3.3	10.6
194	154	MAI	181	...	6.0	4.1	13.2
509	389	MAM	505	+29	15.0	3.8	∞
739	638	M & G	739 †	+1	...	2.5	20.2
1.15	1.15	Smith New Ct	1.22	...	4.5	2.5	8.8
80	53	Tritc Hdgs	78	...	...	4.8	...

FOODS

515	461	AB Food	469	-3	14.0	3.8	10.5
77½	53	ASDA Group	70½	+1	...	2.8	22.7
255	170	Acsins & Hurch	216	...	6.5	3.8	12.3
78	55	Albert Fisher	68	...	3.7	7.6	10.3
407	297	Argyll	336½	...	...	6.8	12.2
25	12	Ashley Group	16½	...	...	4.3	...
197	127	Assoc Fisheries	132	...	8.0	7.6	∞
230	160	Banks (S C)	208	-2	8.2	5.0	10.4
402	370	Beer (AG)	370	...	6.2	2.2	17.7
98	57	Bemrose Corpn	62	...	...	5.7	13.9
142	112½	Berisford Intl	140	...	...	...	...
485	367	Booker	374	-2	...	7.3	38.5
50	35	Bortlswick	49	...	1.1	2.8	54.2
430	330	Brake Bros	408	...	12.3	3.0	24.2
52	38	Budgens	41	...	...	...	13.9
511	413	Cadbury-Schw	436	+2

Is this man too powerful?

Matthew May examines the amazing success of the computer software giant Microsoft and the growing anger of its rivals

The results of five years' work and an expenditure of at least £100 million went on public display in Atlanta this week as the software giant Microsoft outlined its plans to try to dominate the world of computer software even further.

Reflecting this unusual level of marketing muscle, Bill Gates, Microsoft chairman and billionaire, was allowed to give the opening presentation at the Comdex trade show. He used it to announce the latest and more advanced version of his Windows operating system and to claim that by appealing to corporate customers it would have "an even greater impact" than the existing Windows software, which has sold more than 25 million copies.

The new program, Windows NT, should go on sale by July but a more important version, aimed at the fast growing market of businesses that run networks of personal computers, will not be available until the autumn.

Other potential customers are described as those with "sophisticated needs" such as extra memory, crash protection or running several programs at once. "People who have a question as to whether they need Windows NT probably don't," says David Coursey, editor of *PC Letter*, an industry publication in the United States.

Despite Mr Gates's comments, Microsoft is playing down the importance of NT, stressing that, as it is primarily a program for business use, only a million copies are expected to be sold in the first year, though even that will produce enough revenue to recoup the development costs three times over. The existing Windows package presently sells more than a million copies a month.

The result is that Mr Gates, at 37, is said to be the richest man in America with a personal fortune of about £4.5 billion. He is even rumoured to be the buyer of the 19th-century calculator sold last week at Christie's for £7.7 million.

Unlike hardware, a successful piece of software is close to a licence to print money. Once development costs have been repaid, the marginal costs of duplicating a piece of software are a minute fraction of the shop price that can be several hundred pounds.

NT is not as ridiculously cheap as some earlier operating systems with wider appeal that could be bought for as little as £50. NT will cost $500 (about £325) in America, but because of a peculiar "software" rate of exchange that seems to be used when programs cross the Atlantic, the price in Britain will be £400 plus VAT.

> Windows sells a million copies a month

For business users, however, that could well be a bargain. Microsoft says that as well as 500 applications packages being prepared by software houses for release this year, almost 4,000 applications are being developed by corporate users for in-house needs.

"Virtually all of these are business applications normally associated with mini-computers or engineering applications normally associated with technical workstations," says the company.

The result could be that Mr Gates's software will begin to dominate parts of corporate computing in the same way it has taken over the existing PC world.

While NT may be only for serious business use at the moment, the desire of ordinary customers for more powerful machines means that what is yesterday's top end machine quickly becomes today's ordinary desktop. This is coupled with the fact that many ordinary PC users will be itching to get their hands on the latest and more powerful operating system.

Analysts predict that if, as may well happen some time in the future, the price of NT was reduced to a $100 or so, many more customers would flock to buy it — even though they may not have any real need for it.

"NT will sell fast, but I don't think it will be used for the kind of things that require NT for a while," says Marc Sokol, vice-president of product strategy for Computer Associates, the largest software company after Microsoft. "Probably they'll sell a ton of them to people who don't even have the hardware for it."

The few real rivals to Microsoft that remain question whether so much power should be in the hands of one company or rather, because Mr Gates is the driving force, in one pair of hands.

Attempts by competitors to get an anti-trust suit started against Microsoft have resulted in a stalemate. Although the US federal trade commission has been unoffically investigating complaints about Microsoft's business practices for nearly three years the commissioners are divided on whether to take any action.

Rivals asked the FTC to look at allegations that Microsoft builds features into its software to create incompatibilities with other products and restrains free trade by offering big discounts to computer manufacturers that sell machines with Microsoft software.

One other possibility being discussed by companies such as Novell, Borland and Lotus is that they may bring their own civil anti-trust suit. Steve Jobs, founder of Apple and now chairman of Next Computer, has argued that Microsoft should be forced to split into two companies to try and prevent it using its dominance in operating systems, allegedly to help the sale of its application programs.

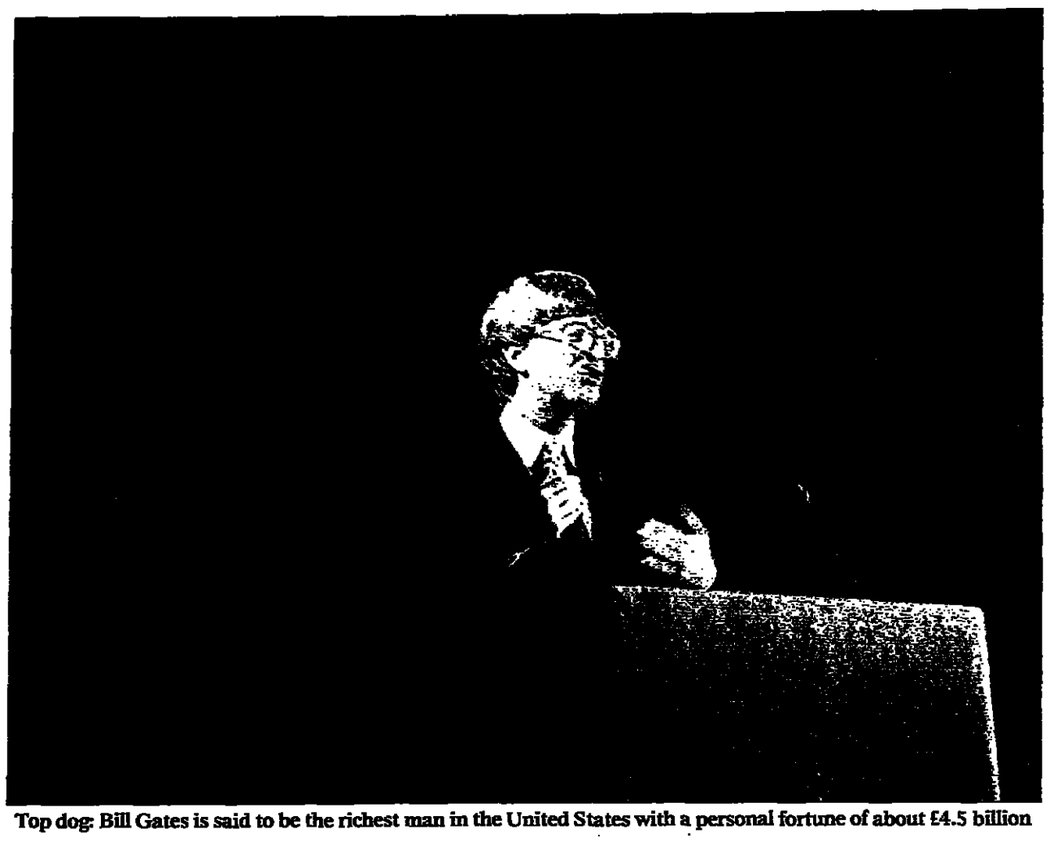
This week Mr Jobs announced that a personal computer version of his Nextstep operating system, a direct competitor to NT, is ready to go on sale. Its advantage is that it uses an "object oriented" technique where individual modules are designed to accomplish a certain objective.

Users, particularly businesses which need to customise their software, can then quickly design their own programs by picking and choosing various modules and combining them to meet their needs. Its major disadvantage is that it is not called Windows.

Even if, as Mr Jobs claims, Nextstep is the only system that "can create custom-built applications really fast", many believe that, outside certain specialist uses, any technical superiority is becoming less important than the customer's desire to work with software that "looks and feels" familiar. That frequently means Windows.

The argument by competitors is that no matter how good a product they can come up with, sales will be restricted because of Mr Gates's domination of the market.

That may well be true, but it does not mean that Mr Gates or Microsoft has broken any laws.



Top dog: Bill Gates is said to be the richest man in the United States with a personal fortune of about £4.5 billion

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Fraud on the cards

THE advent of phone cards for use in call boxes has given fraudsters fresh opportunities. By altering the information recorded on a magnetic strip on the back of pre-paid cards, limitless calls can be made until the card physically wears out.

NTT in Japan is admitting it has lost billions of yen (tens of millions of pounds) as a result. It is cutting international services to 4,000 public phone booths in areas used by foreigners because of their growing use.

Health hearing

GERMAN cellular telephone firms and experts have called for more research to soothe public fears over possible health risks from portable phones.

Several experts, including the head of a government telecommunications agency, told a parliamentary hearing that existing research suggested that the electromagnetic radiation from cellular phones posed no danger to humans.

But they said more investigations were needed after a Florida man filed a lawsuit charging that his wife died of a tumour caused or aggravated by using a cellular telephone.

In unity

COMPUTER sellers have announced a new trade body to bolster customers' confidence in the industry.

The Personal Computer Direct Marketers' Association is being set up after a recent spate of company collapses brought about by "incompetence at best and fraudulent activity at worst", says Keith Warburton, the founder.

The membership presently comprises eight firms with a joint turnover of about £150 million, representing about 15 per cent of the total market.

No change

THE government has rejected a call to tighten laws to curb the fraudulent use of stolen mobile phones. Edward Leigh, the technology minister, told the Commons that he was not persuaded that a change in legislation was necessary.

He was responding to Ian Bruce, the Conservative MP and an adviser to the Telecommunications Managers Association, who urged legal measures to prevent the switching of a microchip which allows the thief to run up bills on someone else's account.



Judge gives Apple a raspberry

A US judge has again reduced the scope of Apple Computer's five-year-old infringement lawsuit against Microsoft and Hewlett-Packard.

The judge said three screen displays used in Microsoft's Windows operating system and H-P's NewWave program were not "virtually identical" to those displayed on a Macintosh, as Apple contended.

Last year the judge rejected Apple's contention that the two rivals could be sued for using screen displays that had the same "look and feel" as the Macintosh PC, even if most or all of the individual symbols were not protected by copyright.



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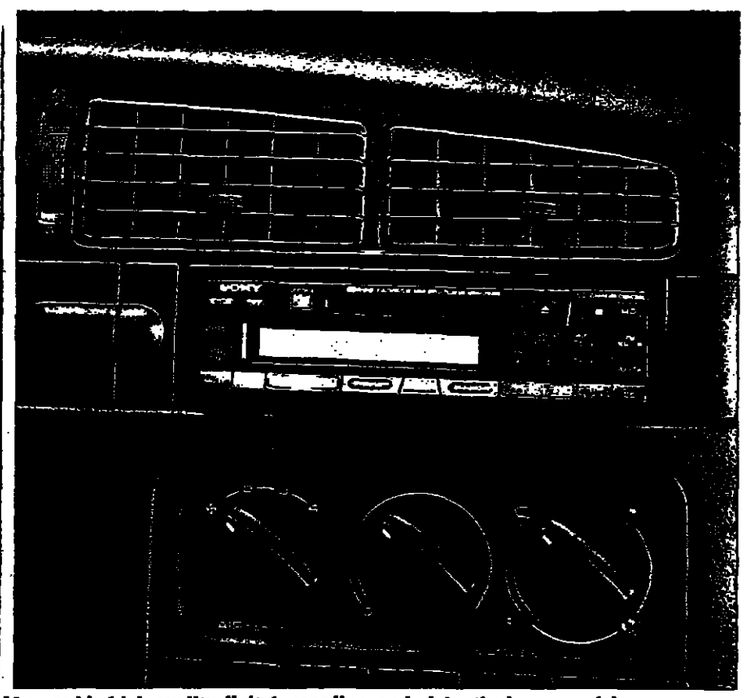
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Can pay but won't pay

With prices for the compact disc under attack from all sides, **George Cole** reports on the prospects for its replacement

The consumer electronics industry is supposed to thrive on innovation and change — a strategy that has served the industry well in the past 40 years, as millions of television sets, stereo systems and video recorders have poured into homes around the world. But there are signs that the consumer electronics boom is fading.

The recession has certainly played a part in falling sales, but some industry observers believe that consumers are becoming wary about bringing new electronic gadgets into their living rooms.

It is a trend which must worry the Japanese company Sony and the Dutch electronics giant Philips, both of which have recently launched fresh audio formats aimed at anyone who listens to music on cassette.

Sales of audio cassettes are slowly declining and consumer electronics companies say this is because users are suffering from "format fatigue" and that it is increasingly seen as an old-fashioned. The argument is that users brought up on the digital sound of the compact disc are not happy with the quality of the cassette, which is an analogue system.

But when consumers were offered a new digital tape system several years ago, it flopped. Digital Audio Tape or DAT, recorded several hours of CD-quality sound on a credit card-sized cassette, but a combination of high prices — DAT machines cost more than £500 — and a shortage of pre-recorded tapes, killed it. Today, DAT is used only by audio enthusiasts and for professional use such as in broadcasting and recording studios.

Though Philips and Sony fervently hope they have got it right this time, initial signs are not good. Philips has developed the Digital Compact Cassette, or DCC, which stores digital sound on tape.

However, DCC's main selling point is "backwards compatibility" — DCC decks will also play existing cassettes although DCC tapes will not play on ordinary tape machines. Sony's rival, the MiniDisc, stores more than an hour of near CD-quality sound on a tiny disc. Some MiniDisc machines can also record on to blank MiniDiscs, which can be used and re-used like audio tape.

Neither format is cheap: machines sell for about £500 and pre-recorded titles cost the same as CDs. Neither is selling well.

Both were launched in Britain at the end of last year, but Bob Lewis, spokesman for the British Association of Record Dealers, says: "None of our members are reporting exciting sales of either format." Alain Levy, president of Polygram Records, admits to being disappointed by the public's response to DCC, especially after the publicity that surrounded its launch.

> There are signs that the consumer electronics boom is fading

Jan Timmer, president of Philips, is not surprised. "People expect formats to become successful overnight", he says, "but it takes at least five years for a format to become established."

Jim Mackonochie, a multimedia consultant, agrees: "People forget that the Sega and Nintendo computer games were launched in Britain in 1987. Neither were an overnight success."

Apart from high prices, another problem is that consumers have to decide between two formats. Philips and Sony co-developed the CD, but they were unable to agree on a successor to the compact cassette.

Early signs suggest that MiniDisc is selling better than DCC. Ken Sockolov, managing director of Tower Record's European operations, reports that "neither market is big, but MiniDisc is outselling DCC by about three to one". *What Hi-Fi* magazine recently conducted a survey which claims that MiniDisc sales are far higher than DCC, despite an earlier survey before either was available that indicated 75 per cent of purchasers would prefer DCC because of its backwards compatibility.

Mr Sockolov believes that price is the most important factor. "DCC is aimed at a market where buyers are used to paying £9 for a cassette, so it's hard for them to start paying £14 for a tape, even if it does offer better sound quality."

In what looks like a DCC spoiling operation, Sony has recently lowered the price of its DAT machines and later this year, the company will sell a portable DAT unit which costs £400 — about £100 less than a DCC machine. As a result, audio enthusiasts looking to put existing LPs and CDs on to digital tape may be tempted to opt for DAT, rather than DCC.

More competition comes from the American company Dolby, which has developed a noise reduction system, S-type, which claims to offer near-CD quality sound from an analogue cassette. It also has the benefit of being fully compatible with existing cassette decks.

Some believe that the ideal digital format would be the recordable compact disc (CD-R). CD-R machines are used in professional markets, but the decks cost more than £3,000. However, domestic systems could be made cheaper. Kodak's Photo CD, which stores photographic images on a compact disc, uses a blank recordable disc which sells for less than £5.

Objections by the music companies mean that CD-R is unlikely to appear for some time. If the MiniDisc sells well, there may be no call for the recordable CD.

Whichever format wins, few record retailers are optimistic about its chances of improving sales of pre-recorded discs and tapes, which have suffered as a result of computer games and pre-recorded videos.

Out of date but still in power

Managers ignore IT's potential to free their staff from the office

Ingrained management attitudes are preventing companies taking advantage of opportunities offered by information technology, such as teleworking from home, according to a survey of senior executives.

The survey, by Henley Management College, says that allowing people to work at a distance, in their own time, would be resisted by 50 per cent of middle-managers who gain some of their power and importance from controlling people.

Based on responses from more than 200 chief executives, directors and other senior personnel, the survey found that many top managers do not understand the strategic importance of information technology or the cost benefits it can bring.

Six out of ten executives considered that staff preferences for working in a well-structured, traditional nine-to-five organisation represented a significant factor in limiting the possibilities on offer from the new networking facilities.

> Traditional attitudes are standing in the way

Professor David Birchall, one of the authors, says it is high time that companies abandoned work patterns introduced with the industrial revolution and recognised that people no longer needed to be herded into the same place at the same time if their job was handling information.

He says: "The present work practice of thousands of people commuting to big offices in city centres is wasteful and out-of-date. Clearly, a lack of top management awareness is frustrating IT benefits in businesses and is a factor preventing economic growth.

"Too many boardrooms lack understanding of the technology they pay for and how it could transform their business."

According to Peter Thomson, a Henley faculty member, the recent bomb explosion in the City of London demonstrated the vulnerability of organisations that are all located in one place.

"The technology allows many of the tasks presently carried out in the City and other business centres to be done elsewhere, but traditional management attitudes are standing in the way."

He says that the recent one-day train strikes demonstrated that in an emergency people could get work done without having to commute. "More open management attitudes to flexible working, both in time and place, would see productivity improve and people less stressed by the hassle of commuting."

He adds: "Some companies are now moving their back office operations out of the expensive city centre and with good electronic communications this does not affect the work of the front office, which is still kept in the prestige real estate."

He suggests the office of the future will be more like a conference centre because people will do most of their work from home or in the car or at a local "satellite" work centre and only travel to a company headquarters when they need to meet somebody face to face.

Technology will enable them to access all the information they would get in the office and they will have the freedom to move their "desk" anywhere.

Dr Laurence Lyons, a co-author of the report, says: "There are very real and profound business benefits up for grabs here. We are not just talking about increasing profitability by motivating flexible workers.

"At a simple level, the business becomes more robust to the vagaries of the transport system, but visionary use of IT can also open the door to global operations."

He believes research could lead to significant improvements in company performance. "This is a hot subject just waiting to break on to the boardroom agenda. When it does, and we are now seeing the signs of take-up, the real winners will be the early adapters.

"The time to re-shape is after the economic shake-out and when recovery begins. Firms should be planning for this now."

In spite of discovering some resistance to change from senior management, the survey discovered that IT managers were far more likely to be receptive to fresh working practices.

To help business make the transition to "information age" management, Henley has established a work forum to help managers overcome the barriers that are still tying them to working patterns they have been practising for decades.

TIM JONES

Designing the dream screen

The United States could leapfrog Europe and Japan in the race to offer consumers high-quality television and a host of new TV services, according to industry analysts.

America boosted its chances after four rival US groups agreed this week to submit a joint standard for full digital television technology to the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, instead of fighting a costly winner-takes-all war.

"I now expect to see fully digital television before the turn of the century in the US, but not until 2005 or so in Europe," Andrew Haskins, industry analyst at brokers James Capel in London, said.

Digital TV will offer cinema-quality viewing, but is more than a pretty picture. Digital transmission can carry large numbers of channels simultaneously, ending broadcasters' worries about overlapping frequencies and airwave congestion.

Services such as teleshopping, opinion polls in the home, downloading of music or videos, and personal computer link-ups will boom if interactivity takes off.

For America it will be an important boost to its domestic consumer electronics industry which has been devastated by Japanese competition. A whole range of new components will be needed, and a vast array of consumer TV-based services will be possible.

Japan has been a pioneer in high definition television, but its Muse system is still well short of a full digital standard. Nevertheless, Japanese companies are likely to be quick off the mark in making sets that will meet any digital standard adopted in the United States.

For European industrial policy it is a blow. The EC's plan for HD-MAC, a halfway house part-digital standard, was launched a decade ago.

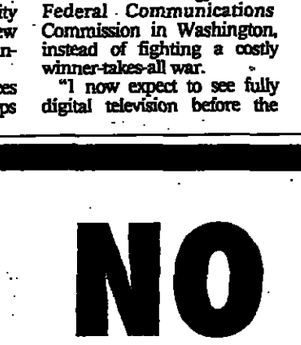
> America has boosted its chances in the digital TV race

However, it has been resisted by broadcasters who were worried that consumers' costly HD-MAC televisions would have to be thrown out when true digital broadcasts arrived. The plan also ran into political fighting over public funding.

But European companies pioneering HD-MAC are well placed to switch to a faster track. The Dutch group Philips Electronics and Thomson of France were working with the sole remaining US television maker Zenith Electronics to bid for the US standard. They were outsiders in a bid war, but they can now capitalise on their market position knowing they will be in on the standard.

Analysts say a fast-track approval is likely from the Federal Communications Commission that would allow test broadcasting from the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

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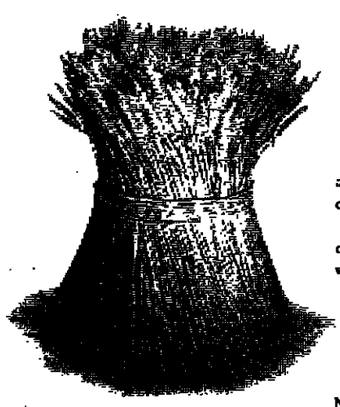


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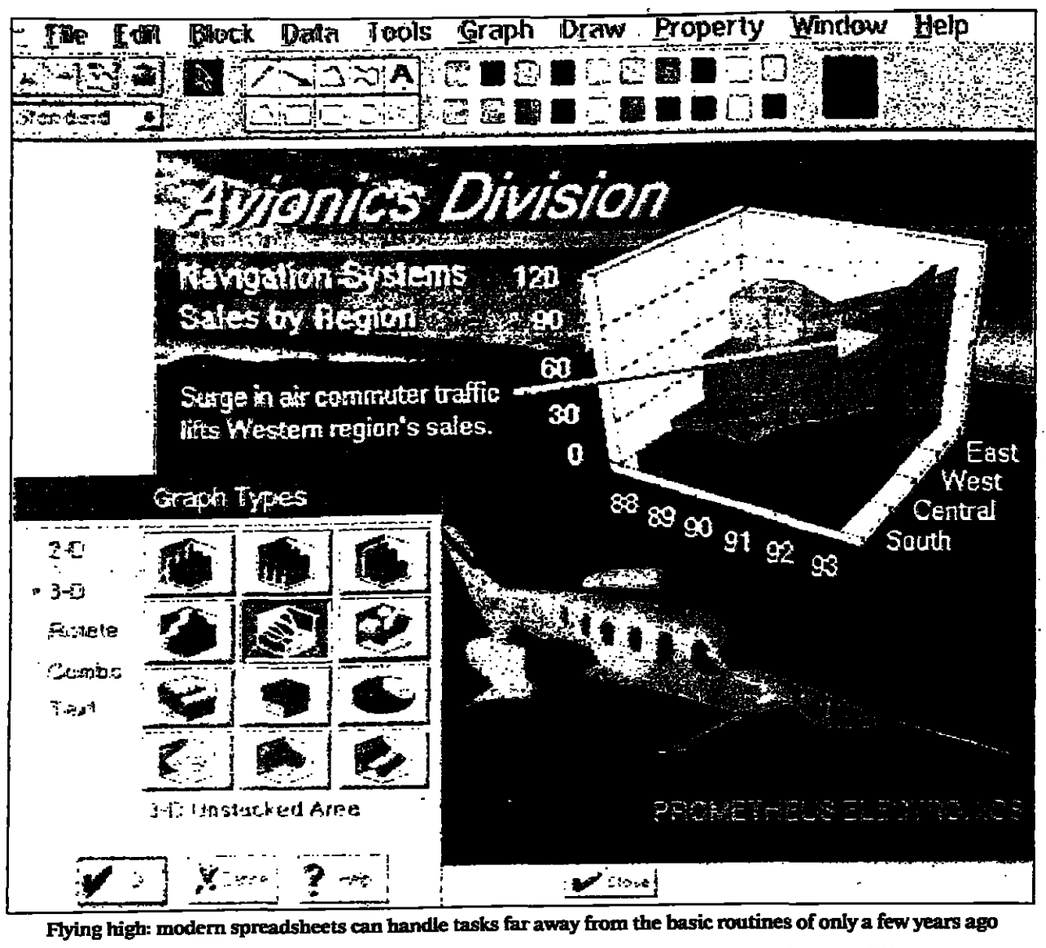
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Flying high: modern spreadsheets can handle tasks far away from the basic routines of only a few years ago

Business aid that can still baffle users

The spreadsheet is a great planning helper, David Hewson writes, but too often is not used to its full potential. Now all is changing

Spreadsheets are one of the personal computer world's most successful creations. They have taken only a decade to rise to pre-eminence as the software industry's second most popular product, pipped for the pole position only by word processing programs.

Yet word processing, however sophisticated, is an extension of a pre-PC office task once performed on the typewriter. Spreadsheets are a new business tool, one which had no simple equivalent before PCs. And the benefits of shifting from pen and paper to keyboard and screen are more instant and rewarding than those in other common business tasks.

In the early years, when computers and software cost much more than today, thousands of PCs were sold to offices simply because financial staff were desperate to take advantage of the enormous savings made possible by spreadsheets. They fuelled the growth of PCs at a time when people were still suspicious of word processing. Ten years and many versions later, spreadsheets have grown far beyond the simple calculation tools of the early 1980s. With sophisticated links into databases on PCs and minicomputers, they can handle tasks that seem light years away from the basic accounting and budgeting routines of only a few years ago.

For all its success, the spreadsheet remains burdened with the image of a financial tool, not a managerial one; a device for calculation rather than analysis. Partly, this is because financial and strategic planning in many British companies, particularly owner-managed ones, are at best unsophisticated, at times non-existent. The blame lies partly with the software itself, which has become more prolix with every new release. Some manuals resemble technical tomes for advanced mathematics students rather than concise guides to a piece of software that should be essential for any budget-bound manager.

But all is changing rapidly. The software industry has come to realise that what it terms "ease of use" is something the rest of the business community calls "productivity". Designing spreadsheet products that can be used by lay people has become a vital factor in an intensely competitive marketplace. As a result, customers can buy a better spreadsheet for a smaller outlay than ever. This ease of use is readily visible in the simplest of spreadsheet applications, that of producing a running list of monthly or weekly totals, a simple and predictable task which used to involve repetitive data and formula entry.

Most modern spreadsheets now have autosum and autofill facilities to guess automatically where a user wants to total a row of entries such as sales figures and fill an entire list of heading based on a small sample. Enter a few rows of figures, click in the cell beneath them, and the program automatically totals the entries; type in May-93 then Jun-93 and it is simple to get the software to fill in the rest of the year. Such facilities can save hours of manual entry and cut keying mistakes.

Drag and drop editing, where a group of cells can be moved across the screen by mouse, and the use of the right button on the mouse to call up vital formating information can save an enormous amount of time previously wasted on working through menus.

The analytical abilities of a spreadsheet far exceed those of an intelligent calculator. "What if" calculations to determine how a set of figures will be altered by changes in individual elements, such as sales figures, can be done. Built-in mathematical functions also enable it to answer sophisticated goal-seeking problems to determine levels of diminishing returns or to maximise the overall profitability of a complex product line.

The cornerstone of spreadsheet power, and occasionally the black hole down which management resources are poured, lies in the macro language that allows the user to write scripts to control and automate the way the application runs and even how it looks.

A simple macro might automatically work through a standard set of figures and extract a pre-arranged statistical analysis. A complex one can turn the spreadsheet into a custom application which looks nothing like the original program. Borland's Quattro Pro for Windows, for example, comes with a formidable example of what is possible in this field, a highly graphic demonstration of four classic elements of a business plan, balance sheet, sales analysis, cash flow and profit and loss.

Seeing these on a spreadsheet is nothing new. Borland's version turns them into a visual presentation in which the sensitivity of forecasts can be adjusted either by changing the numbers or adjusting slider buttons on the screen. The changes are immediately reflected in the overall figures for the model and in the live on-screen graphs.

But there is always a price to pay with macros, which are essentially a low-level programming language executed line by line. Borland's example stumbles along haltingly on all but the most powerful of modern PCs. To harness the full power of spreadsheet macros increasingly requires high-memory 486 PCs.

Choosing your tools with care

Picking the most appropriate personal computer to run a spreadsheet may be more straightforward than choosing the package itself, but any choice needs to be carefully thought out. It is easy to end up either underpowered or with an expensive Rolls-Royce model to do work that could easily have been handled by the computerised equivalent of a Mini.

The more computer memory on a PC, the easier it is to store more of the instructions that can make spreadsheets easier to use. By and large, the faster the processor, the more efficiently a computer is able to manipulate a spreadsheet.

"It all depends on what you want to do," says Neil Hudspeth, spreadsheets manager at Lotus Development, the publisher of 1-2-3. "If you want to buy one of the better spreadsheets which is going to run under Windows, an ideal specification would be a 486 with as much memory as you could afford, mainly because the performance of Windows improves the more memory you throw at it."


Windows action

Generally, the more functions needed from a spreadsheet, the more power is needed from a PC. This can vary enormously and depends on whether you use a spreadsheet under Windows or DOS.

Older DOS-based spreadsheet programs will work on less powerful hardware, taking up less of the computer's memory — some will run in as little as 512 kilobytes, or less — and storage. However, for the more modern programs, you will need to buy a machine with a higher specification.

"Windows applications require large amounts of disc space. People who purchase new PCs should not buy anything with less than 100 megabytes; as much as they can get for the price," George Kafkarkou, of Computer Associates, says.

Installing a spreadsheet can also take up a lot of disc space — somewhere between six and ten megabytes — although most programs do not load an element of the package into a PC's memory until it is used.

It is also becoming popular to buy PC's with several software programs thrown in as part of the purchase price. These will typically include the spreadsheet, word processor and graphics package, and be compatible so that information can be swopped easily between them.

"You generally get up-to-date software when it is bundled in with the PC," Mr Hudspeth says. "Although there are some suppliers who, to get a very cheap price, will do a deal with a version that is not the current, up-to-date release. Buyer beware and read the small print carefully."

Customers taking advantage of these type of deals may also lose out on support. Dealers who are part of a software supplier's recognised retail channel tend to give 90 days free support with their software with additional support if customers pay extra.

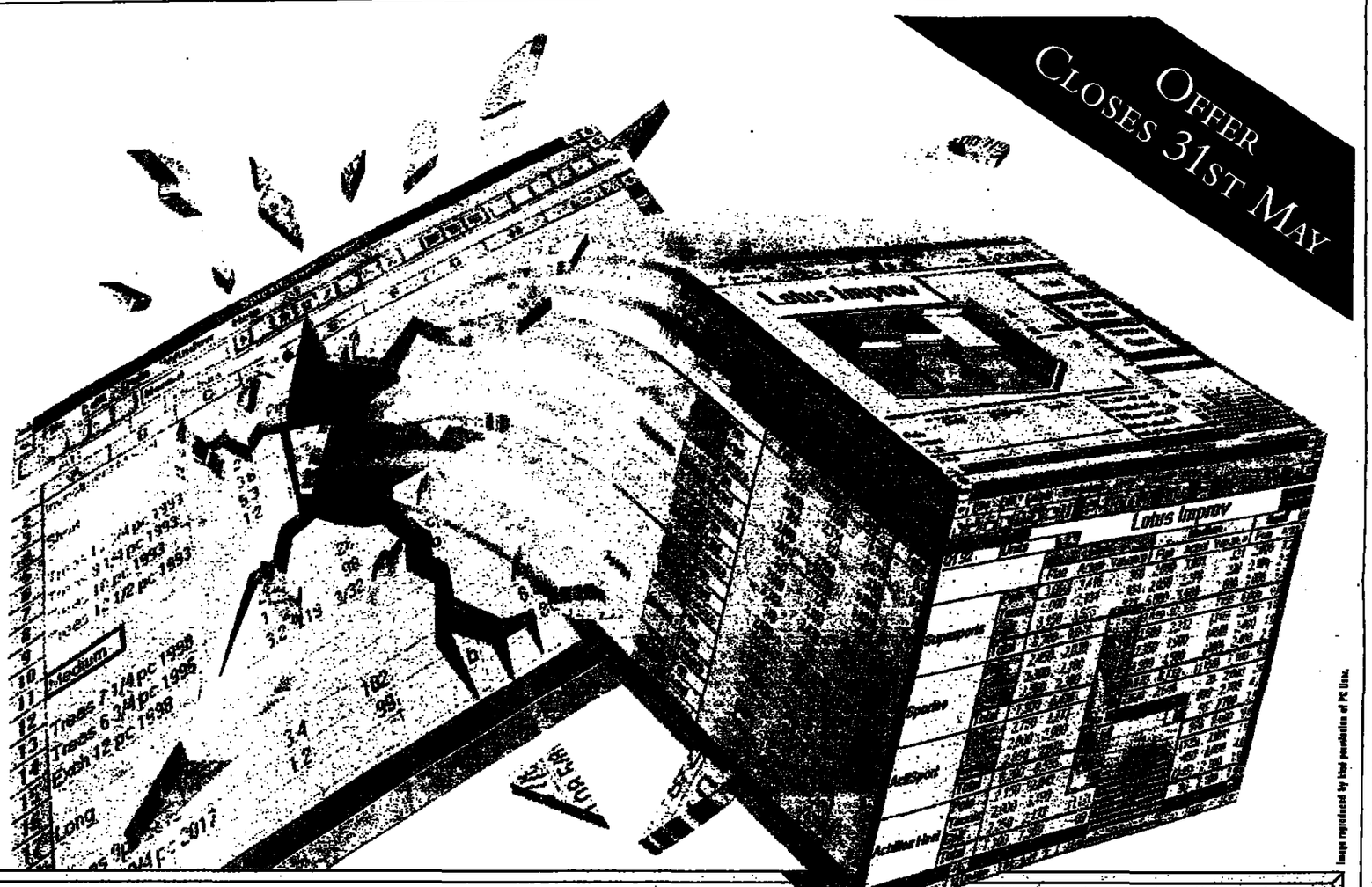
Warranties vary from package to package. However, a number of bundling deals, some with attractive mail order advertisements may provide support for 30 days only.

Spreadsheet users may also want to work on them away from the office, a trend which is on the increase as portable computers come down in price and can offer similiar functions to a conventional office-based machine.

Although more expensive, the hardware requirement for both breeds of machine is virtually identical. Screen quality on a portable can be good, although it costs a lot more than on a desktop, sometimes a couple of thousand pounds more for a top colour model with 486 chip and 120 megabytes of storage.

While colour screens are common on desktops, the hefty premium for a good quality colour screen on a portable means many are still sold with a mono screen. The problem for portable spreadsheet users is that colour really can be useful and the more things a spreadsheet is needed for, the easier it is with colour. Those spending a lot of time in front of their screens will find it is much easier on the eyes to use colour to highlight trends.

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The role of the spreadsheet in business has now extended beyond the rows and columns of figures which was once its regular fare. David Hewson reports

Placing advertising in a world of *flexible publishing* ratecards and instant discounts is a job that calls for instant decisions based on ever-changing circulation and readership data.

One popular way of finding that information is to use a dial-up computer information service. This allows subscribers to access facts and *key graphs* on most British publications, and then combine the data into in-house presentations and reports.

Mediatel, the company behind the service, relies on a minicomputer to handle the data. But the software is an everyday spreadsheet that turns that data into the on-screen graphs which highlight the importance of the information most effectively.

Tom Walder, the company's IT director, says users are often amazed to discover that the final data analysis link in the videotext service is a Windows spreadsheet running on a PC.

But this is just the sort of task which spreadsheets are tackling as their business role extends far beyond the standard rows and columns of calculations which were *once their regular fare.*

Spreadsheets can sometimes be used as much for pleasure as for profit

The move to spreadsheets, in Mediatel's case Microsoft Excel running under Windows, has brought nothing but gain..

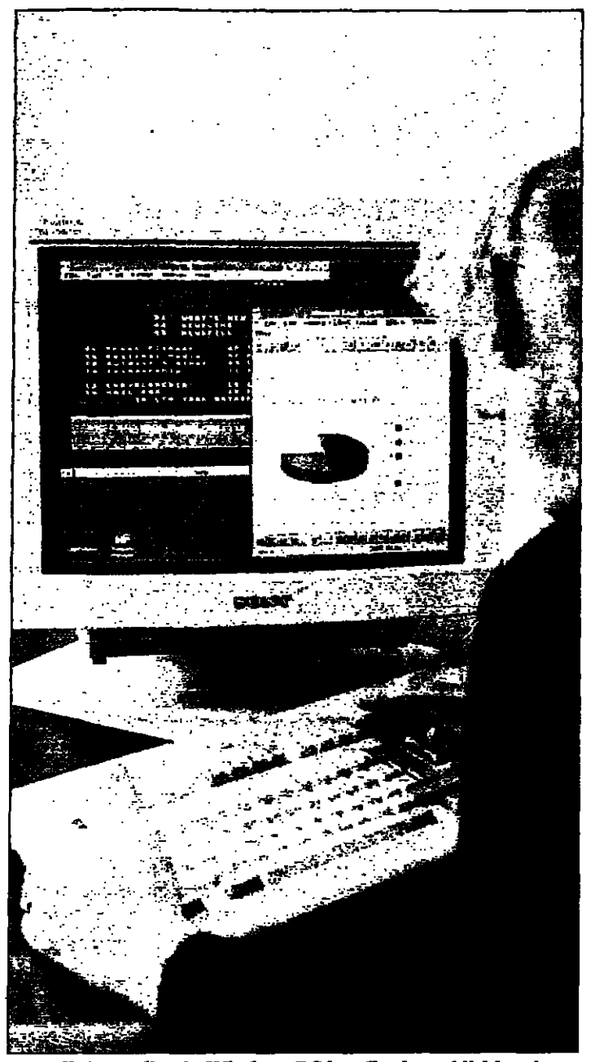
The business of turning numbers from the minicomputer database into easily absorbed chunks of data and graphics has been greatly *simplified. Users can call the text* and graphics down a phone line and incorporate the results into their own reports and presentations, without rekeying.

The ability to act as a front-end filter for a database is a core facility in all modern spreadsheets, and one that is finding its way into *many businesses. At the London* office of Amerada Hess (AHL), a PC spreadsheet and database combination is managing price control on the company's vast Scott Field North Sea oil rig project. This is a £1.3 billion scheme which should provide about 10 per cent of Britain's oil needs when it comes on *line next year.*

Martin Owen, the project systems controller, says that AHL was able to start its information technology projects with a clean sheet because it was new to North Sea operations and had not inherited the dedicated minicomputer system which would normally have been used by existing operators.

Instead, AHL decided to buy Borland's Paradox database and Quattro Pro spreadsheet. The database handles the minutiae of the cost elements of the project. The spreadsheet filters out information, analyses it and produces formatted reports.

Taking the PC spreadsheet and database route meant enormous savings over comparable minicomputer systems and gave greater flexibility in report writing.



Fast link: Mediatel's Windows PC handles its publishing data

Most spreadsheets can communicate with databases with varying degrees of success. The Quattro Pro link to Paradox was made easier because they came from the same company. The standard for spreadsheet-database *links* under Windows is expected to be a model called ODBC which will allow a spreadsheet to read from and write to a suitable external database. Only the new 1-2-3/4 from Lotus has ODBC at the moment, but it is due to be adopted by the next release of Excel from Microsoft.

Spreadsheet developers have tried to extend the range of their products by bringing in more built-in functions, ready-written formulae to handle common, and sometimes not-so-common, tasks.

Lotus 1-2-3/4 adds a further 120 functions and brings in new engineering, mathematical and calendar formulae to add to the original financial functions, such as interest calculation, which were once the heart of spreadsheets.

Spreadsheets are now capable of calculating, or even controlling, production processes and manipulating time management for projects just as easily as they can handle profit and loss accounts.

Developers have tried to extend the products by bringing in more built-in functions

One of their more unusual uses can be found among amateur pilots and yachtsmen. Working out the course of a flight or boat journey involves a calculation known as the triangle of velocities. This takes into account the distance and direction of travel and the effects of any predicted crosswinds or tides.

Since point to point navigation is based on longitude and latitude, the start and destination can be translated into numbers and entered into a spreadsheet with the expected strength of the winds and tides and their direction.

With that information, the mathematical functions can be used to *produce a log or flight plan for the* journey predicting the course to be steered and the journey time.

A number of pilots and sailors now have the latitude and longitude numbers of popular ports and airports stored on their computer alongside more mundane balance sheet calculations for this very purpose. Proof that spreadsheets can sometimes be used as much for pleasure as for profit.



Notable: Quentin Clare, a final-year music student, finds his spreadsheet "invaluable"

The unstoppable swing to Windows finds some unexpected fans

Another electronic string to his bow

Despite the popularity of Microsoft's Windows, the graphics-based personal computer operating system, tens of millions of computer users are perfectly happy with programs that are largely text-based and use the DOS operating system.

Spreadsheet users, who are, perhaps naturally, inclined to take a more conservative view than other PC users, may ask whether they actually need to use Windows. Are, for example, the potential benefits greater than the risk of switching to an unfamiliar program?

Oliver Roll, Microsoft's UK product manager, says the swing towards Windows spreadsheets is unstoppable. "The market for Windows spreadsheets is increasing by 40 to 50 per cent a year," he says. "The DOS spreadsheet market is falling by 20 to 30 per cent. Today, nearly every spreadsheet is a Windows one."

Users and manufacturers agree on three reasons for choosing a Windows spreadsheet: ease of use, business graphics and the speed of working with Windows.

Quentin Clare, a final-year music student at the Performing Arts And Technology School in Croydon, south London, the British Record Industry Trust's showpiece college, says: "The ability to present your data clearly is invaluable. I had to produce a business report based on data from a questionnaire. It was difficult to understand what it meant, so I used a Windows spreadsheet to create charts and graphics that helped me to visualise the data.

"I would look at the data in a pie chart and decide it was not clear enough; with a click of a button, I would convert it to a bar chart."

In other business exercises, he and fellow students used the spreadsheet to perform a conventional break-even analysis of a series of concerts, and exported the results to a Windows word processor to produce a report.

"In Windows the programs are all interlinked," he explains. "I use a spreadsheet, a stock-recording program and a word processor and I can easily transfer data between them."

All Windows spreadsheets are based on the familiar tabular format and have the conventional commands and functions that manipulate numeric and text data.

They have other commands to quickly generate charts, add artwork, and change the appearance of text and numbers. All the commands are available from menus at the top of the screen and sometimes also from screen "buttons" that can be clicked with the mouse.

Windows spreadsheet manufacturers vie with each other to add new features that improve the ease of use of their products. Typical ones include an on-screen "toolbar", which has buttons for many of the more common commands, mouse-based methods of copying and moving data from one spreadsheet cell to another, and commands to help visualise the data by changing the way that it is displayed.

Microsoft Excel is the most popular Windows spreadsheet. Lotus, Microsoft's arch rival, has made a good living from *Lotus* 1-2-3, its DOS spreadsheet, and will continue to do so. A new Windows version of Lotus 1-2-3 has been announced, but DOS is still being supported as well.

Information prepared using Windows programs can be *linked together by a technique* known as OLE — object linking and embedding. A spreadsheet chart can, say, be embedded in a word processor document. Changes in the chart are immediately reflected in the document so that a report is always up to date.

OLE 2, the newest version of this technique, will go further. Simply moving a mouse pointer over a chart will make all the relevant spreadsheet commands available, so that the chart can be altered from within the word processor program. This "document centred" approach promises great power and ease of use that is impossible with DOS.

KIM WILSON

Giants battle it out

A price war between major producers means that the customer is king

For the intensely competi*tive spreadsheet world,* the war between Lotus and Microsoft is one between a former giant that briefly took its eye off the ball and a player that has just emerged from the training bench to take its place in the first team. *David Hewson writes.*

For the customer, the conflict means better products at prices that would have been hard to believe a few years ago.

Once big-name spreadsheets were packages *that cost* more than £500 a copy. Today, top-specification brands can be bought for less than £60 in an intense battle by software publishers for market share and title domination.

Lotus, in many ways, made the spreadsheet world with its seminal 1-2-3 product, introduced in 1982. Today, a capable, much upgraded version of 1-2-3 continues to dominate sales of spreadsheets to *DOS users,* but this is a market in decline.

What the business world wants now is software to run under Windows, and Lotus made an enormously expensive mistake of fumbling its first entrance into the world of icons, buttons and mice.

Its first release of 1-2-3 was hasty and unpopular. In the meantime, Microsoft had perfected its own Windows spreadsheet, Excel, and 14 months ago launched a new version of the program that was greeted with acclaim.

According to the analysts Romtec, Excel, either alone or as part of a general Microsoft Office bundle, now accounts for nearly 60 per cent of all Windows spreadsheet sales.

The release, at the end of next month, of a complete rewrite of 1-2-3 for Windows is a crucial point in Lotus's attempt to re-establish its dom*ination of the spreadsheet.*

The real winner in the spreadsheet wars is the customer. Prices are lower than ever before for software which is reaching new heights of power, most of it more usable than it has been in the past.



Which one? the program war has brought users prices they can hardly turn down

A complex round of promotions now runs permanently in the sector and no one should have to pay recommended retail price for a program.

Microsoft has realised the absurdity of the recommended retail price on its advertisements and is dropping it *altogether to replace it with* "average dealer price", or what the trade knows as the street price.

Spreadsheet prices are lower than ever before

Lotus's latest spreadsheet, 1-2-3/4, will carry an RRP of £365, excluding VAT. But if you use any other spreadsheet you will be able to buy it for £150 by sending in a disc or manual page from the competitive program. Owners of earlier 1-2-3 versions need only pay £100. The pricing is similar to that applied to Excel.

Technically, 1-2-3/4 looks to be by far the most powerful Windows spreadsheet available. It has borrowed ideas from its competitors and added new strengths in several areas, notably the access of external databases and in clever new ways to allow a group of users to work on the same spreadsheet.

By comparison, the 14-month-old Excel looks a little tired, something Microsoft promises to address with the release of a new version later this year.

Excel and 1-2-3 have only two true competitors in the Windows spreadsheet field, both competitively priced. One also comes from Lotus, the innovative Improv. Presently priced at *£100, this is a* clever and attractive package which, for the newcomer, is much easier to learn than a conventional spreadsheet. It has limitations but these would only affect more sophisticated users.

The cheapest mainstream Windows spreadsheet is Borlands Quattro Pro, which recently dropped its retail price from £300 to £90. Many of the new features to be seen on 1-2-3/4 first appeared on Quattro Pro.

Its relative lack of popularity in Britain stems partly from the absence of an obvious companion word processor. Microsoft Word and Lotus-Ami Pro boast the same look and feel as the company's Windows spreadsheets, something which users prefer when cutting and pasting information between the two.

Recognising this problem, Borland has recently got together with Word Perfect to produce better links between the two applications. A £300 package now offers a word processor, spreadsheet and database together but anyone with just one of these from a competing supplier — which *means just about anyone at all* — can buy it for £220.

The Lotus combination of 1-2-3/4 and its much-admired Ami Pro word processor may be unbeatable at the moment, but realistically it is always the latest product in this highly imitative market that will usually seem the best.

Yet with a product life-cycle of 14 to 18 months between new versions, users cannot keep switching brands. For many, this involves a commitment to one company for several years.

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The information technology business is to introduce new qualifications, says Richard Sarson

People in the computer industry have always resisted formal qualifications. But last week the industry got around to introducing them for information technology (IT) workers.

Because the technology moves so fast, it is difficult to pin down what the qualifications should be. For four years, the state-funded Information Technology Industry Training Organisation (Itito) has laboured to produce a framework for 26 qualifications from programmer to project manager.

The government set up the National Council for Vocational Qualifications in 1986, in response to several reports which revealed that the British economy was being undermined by the failure of employers to educate and train the workforce.

The council set an overall framework of five levels of qualification, and asked employers to set the standards for their industry. The qualifications are awarded, not by examination, but by assessment in a working environment.

So far, in other industries, over 300,000 people have received NVQ certificates. The government *aims to have half* of the working population on their way to a qualification by 1996. The IT industry will have to run hard to catch up with an initial target of 450,000 staff in 6,000 companies.

Assessment will be carried out by a variety of bodies — rather like MOT testing centres — which could be large companies, colleges or training providers. Peritas, the training arm of ICL, is the first IT assessment centre to be appointed.

There could be a lot of money in the NVQ business, not just to do assessments, but for devising training to fit the qualifications, and for advising smaller firms on how to implement them.

Itito is asking certain bodies to monitor the assessment centres and hand out the new qualifications. These will come from the organizations currently offering IT diplomas of one sort or another. The City & Guilds and the British Computer Society (BCS) have so far been selected and there are talks going on with the Business and Technology Education Council.

The question now is whether these new training standards and structures will have any hope of overcoming computer people's traditional aversion to qualifications.

The membership examinations and personal development scheme offered by the BCS and the National Computer Centre's systems analysis diploma have never been widely accepted outside academia, the public sector and very large organizations. Job advertisements for computer staff seldom call for qualifications of any sort, relying far more on commercial experience.

Barney Gibbens, until 1990 chairman of the anglo-French Sema software house, and a prime mover behind the development of the new scheme, admits that for many years he too did not believe in formal qualifications, because they did not fit into what business really needed. Now, he admits, as this scheme has been designed by the industry itself there are no excuses left to companies not to adopt it.

On the user side Shell and British Steel have started to implement them, as will Marks & Spencer which has trained 1,000 staff up to Level 2 in the retail NVQ scheme. Jill Murkin, training manager for M&S, says that the scheme gives trainees more confidence because they are working towards a national qualification that is seen as a "ladder of opportunity".

The firm has also benefited because implementing the qualifications has made the management take a less subjective view of the company's training needs.

Peter Bonfield, chairman of ICL, argues that the scheme is a way to give power to the individual, particularly the end-user. Quoting from a recent survey by the West London TEC, he says that a quarter of the workforce — six million people — now use computers every day. These end-users, typically of PCs, outnumber the specialists in large computer departments by 13 to one.

The 26 qualifications under the education and training scheme, however, are geared to skills more likely to be required in IT departments, with early efforts to sell the idea inevitably directed towards the big company computer teams, public sector departments and academia.

To break out from these traditional areas, the scheme needs to design qualifications appropriate to the PC user in a small company. NVQs will only be a success when advertisements for jobs in IT start to demand them. It will be many years, if ever, before this happens.

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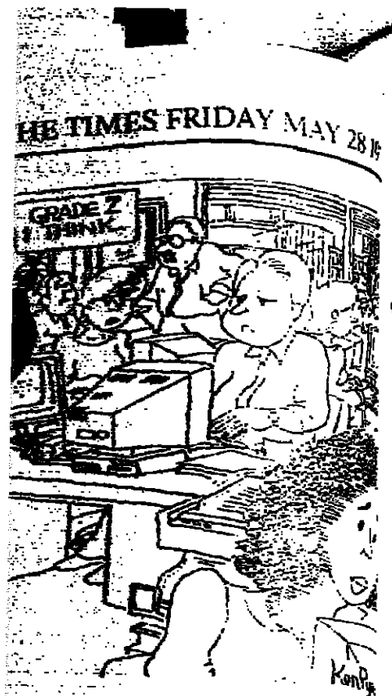
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Shostakovich's first opera, The Nose, is entertainingly revived at the Brighton Festival

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Van Morrison goes back to his old rhythm 'n' blues roots in a new album



Burnished in bush country

Richard Cork reviews Harewood House's exhibition of art by Andy Goldsworthy, inspired by visiting the Australian outback

Trying to find contemporary art in stately homes is usually a futile exercise. Most of their owners seem content to display hallowed collections formed centuries ago, as if the making of painting and sculpture had long since become defunct. Occasionally, an involvement with a living artist's work disrupts the somnolent calm: at Chatsworth, the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire are enthusiastic patrons of Lucian Freud. But on the whole, a John Piper watercolour of the house and grounds is the most we can expect in these shrines to a hushed, imperturbable past.

But at Harewood House in West Yorkshire an adventurous spirit prevails. Right from the outset, in Robert Adam's resplendent entrance hall, a shock awaits visitors. Standing in otherwise empty floorspace, Epstein's doughty alabaster carving of *Adam* flaunts his pendulous genitals on a plinth sturdy enough to support his titanic weight. Half brazen and half apprehensive, the primordial figure presses his bunched hands hard against his chest and stares upwards.

> 'He was confronted by visual sensations he had never seen before'

Epstein must have wanted him to commune with God, but here the musclebound progenitor seems transfixed by the neoclassical plasterwork ceiling. The first Adam is brought into direct, provocative contact with the work of his 18th-century namesake, and the encounter is alive with an almost surrealist incongruity.

The Earl of Harewood rescued Epstein's colossus from a humiliating display at Blackpool, where *Adam* had been exhibited in a waxworks peep-show as a pornographic freak. By giving the sculpture such a prominent position, Lord Harewood implies that 20th-century art of the most unbridled kind deserves just as much respect as the Renaissance paintings on view elsewhere in the house. It is a bold and salutary gesture, proving that a resplendent mansion can become even more stimulating if its historic collections are augmented by modern acquisitions.

The greatest surprise at Harewood, however, is the Terrace Gallery devoted to loan exhibitions. Recently converted from a gloomy interior, this sequence of white-walled spaces is ideally attuned to contemporary art. And that is precisely what Liz Smith, the gallery's young director, enjoys showing. Rather than playing safe and choosing only artists guaranteed to chime with the old masters in the main part of the house, she has taken her cue from the challenge offered by the Epstein upstairs.

If Epstein broke robustly with the conventions of his day, Andy Goldsworthy extends the boundaries of sculpture in our time. Like Richard Long before him, Goldsworthy goes out into the landscape and works directly with the natural materials he finds there. By a coincidence, one of the first works he ever made in the countryside was sited on the Harewood estate. Goldsworthy remembers wondering if he might be arrested for his temerity. But now, more than a decade later, he finds himself welcomed back as the Terrace Gallery's summer attraction.

The result is enormously heartening. A visit to Harewood House might easily be a museum experience, one more sampling of past glories to reinforce the image of Britain as a heritage theme park. But this gallery's commitment to new art makes the house part of living culture as well. The audiences streaming through stately homes guarantee that Goldsworthy's work will be seen by a public far wider than his normal gallery following. Since some of the work is for sale, he might find fresh sources of patronage among the visitors.

Nothing could be more congenial than the setting he has been given, in rooms leading out to an extensive view of Capability Brown's landscaping at its irresistible best. If other great houses were to learn from the Harewood initiative, contemporary artists would benefit hugely from the exposure they received.

Not that the work displayed by Goldsworthy has anything to do with the English countryside. He made it all on a trip to Australia in July 1991, as artist-in-residence at Adelaide Botanical Garden. The appointment probably arose from the realisation that he handles leaves, feathers, petals, willowherb and fronds with intricate ease. But Goldsworthy had no desire to repeat himself, nor to linger in his host city. In a diary of his journey, he wrote: "Adelaide in winter, with rain, heavy clouds, mist and green grass, has a strong quality of Britain".

Seeking a different challenge, he headed for the bush. Driving to the Mount Victor sheep-shearing station, where he stayed for the rest of his trip, Goldsworthy was confronted by visual sensations unlike anything he had encountered at home. The burnished intensity of the colours gives the Harewood exhibition an immediate air of richness. Large, handsome photographs burn on the walls with a hallucinatory force. They demonstrate that Goldsworthy was prompted, on his expeditions into the bush, to place the action of light at the centre of the sculpture he produced.

Unlike Long, who often charts the day-by-day progress of epic walks in his photographic pieces, Goldsworthy never stresses the notion of journeying. But he shares Long's desire to work in harmony with locations, and time takes on a particular significance in his Australian work. The incandescence of sunset made him assemble a sculpture from mulga (acacia) branches, placing them end to end on the ground and edging them with sand.

As he must have hoped, the sun seized on this thin yellow line and allowed it to curve and wriggle across the deeply shadowed earth. It resembles a glinting seam of gold, transforming the broken, discarded branches into objects that become charged with unexpected vitality.

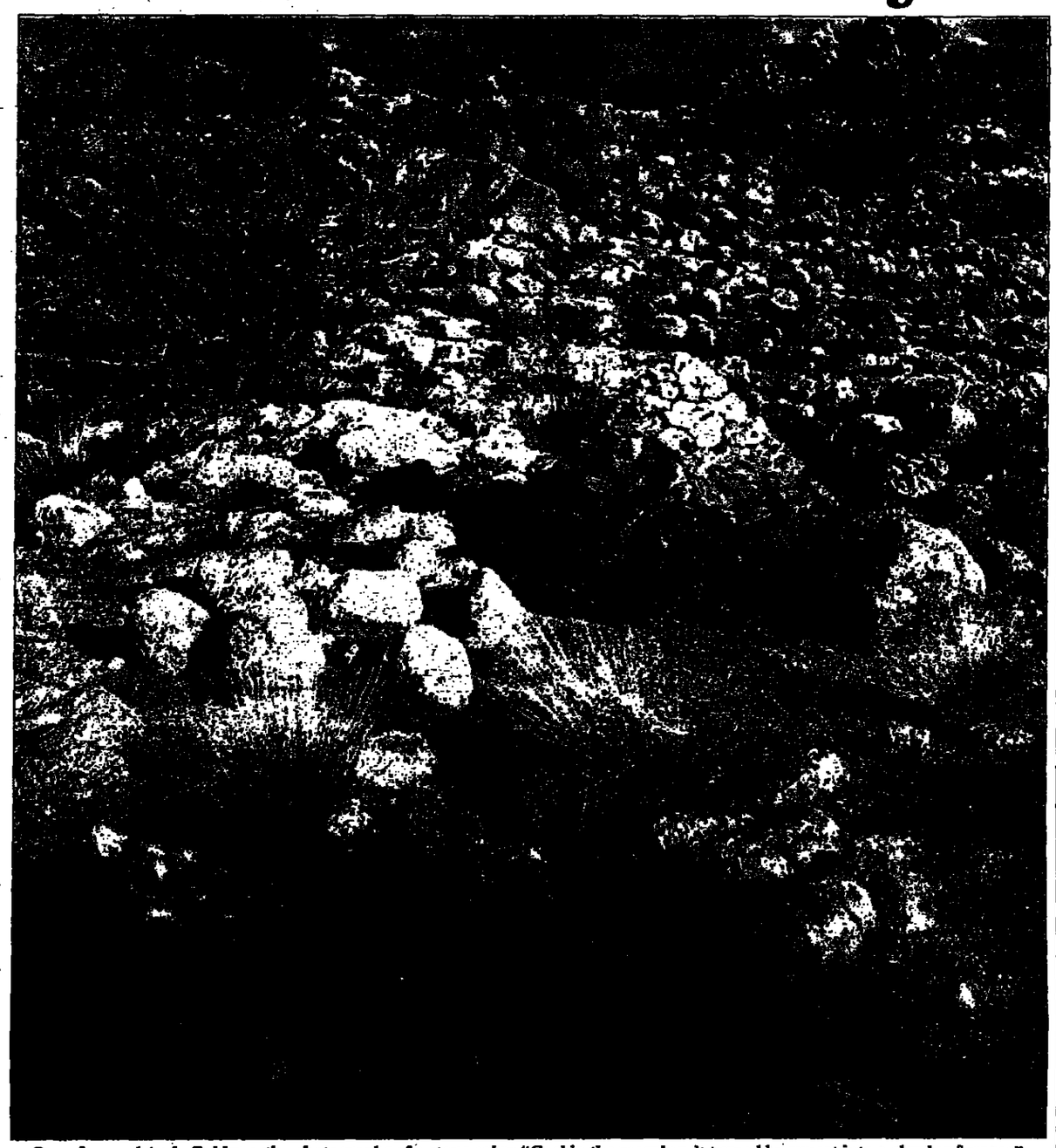
The most impressive works on show, though, reduce manipulation to a minimum. Sand is used again in a piece involving a mulga tree, but this time Goldsworthy had no desire to reshape its branches. Instead, he took his cue from a sudden burst of overnight rain. The sand was damp enough to be spread all over the tree's north side, making it stand out in the sun like a fiery apparition against the water-swollen darkness of the clouds. The outcome is pungent and refreshing, especially in the photograph where Goldsworthy's lens closes on the tree and shows it leaping from the ground like a flame.

Most of the time, however, the bush light remained unhampered by rainstorms. It led Goldsworthy to make several photographs of a stone cairn he had assembled in a rocky locale, proceeding from a purple-brown base through red and orange to a bleached apex. Cool in the morning, it turned by sunset into a glowing furnace before becoming an eerie yellow-white in the moonlight.

Goldsworthy had no need to rely on different times of day and night for the strangest of all his Australian sculptures. On an empty expanse of baked earth, he laid clusters of mulga branches in two directions. Alternating in a long path towards the horizon, they lie first in shadow and then reflect the sun. The metamorphosis is uncanny. In the photograph, they look like two wholly different types of branch — one coal-black, the other off-white. But the same branches are used throughout, and the dramatic change in colour is brought about solely by the action of light.

The sense of wonder in this work augurs well for Goldsworthy's future development. In Australia the stimulus of discovery never left him, and the revelation of working there runs like an excited tremor through everything he made in this deserted, awesome terrain.

● Mid-Winter Muster: Sculptures at Mt Victor Station *continues at the Terrace Gallery, Harewood House, Harewood, West Yorkshire, daily 11am-5pm, until July 4*



One of several Andy Goldsworthy photographs of a stone cairn: "Cool in the morning, it turned by sunset into a glowing furnace"

TELEVISION

Show us their stuff

Television conducive to doing the ironing is a necessity in all our lives. *Memento* (Channel 4), in which each week a celebrity guest discusses with Joan Bakewell a few significant objects from their lives, fits the bill perfectly, because it does not require you to look at the screen for more than one minute in the 25.

"This is a chess set I brought with me from Shanghai," says J.G. Ballard. The viewer, red-hot iron in hand, looks up quickly, clocks the tiny chess set (shown in long shot), says "Oooh" appreciatively, and gets back to scorching a tricky bit of arm-hole. She is not missing anything. The chess set will not be shown again. A close-up is out of the question.

It is odd, this lack of visual emphasis. When *Memento* was launched, there was a suggestion that it was "*Desert Island Discs* for television". But with the objects given so little prominence, it is as though Sue Lawley were to ask for Record Number Three and then silently hold up the album cover to the microphone. "Show us the objects!" we cry. "We are fans of stuff! We even watch *The Antiques Road Show!*"

But *Memento* possibly thinks that the real substance is the celebrity interview. Which is precisely wrong, because the interviewing is utterly commonplace, whereas it is not every day that you see a tiny chalice carved out of a bullet by a Chilean prisoner of conscience.

The celebrities vary in entertainment value, but they bother to bring along some excellent chattels. J.G. Ballard brought his unicycle; George Steiner showed a book from Franz Kafka's personal library; David Attenborough had a shark's tooth; Clare Francis a complex Chinese toy. Not once have I found myself commenting, "I've got one of those," which was probably the point.

Last night's guest was Terence Conran, who talked mainly about design. It wasn't gripping. "So is good taste genetically acquired?" asked Bakewell brightly, but she was only being polite. Still, between brief glimpses of Conran's exquisite bric-a-brac, much ironing passed from basket to hanger, so it's an ill wind. Also, Terence Conran's favourite thing turned out to be a perfect white Japanese bowl, which came as a complete surprise. I was rather expecting a knitted pink toilet-roll holder in the shape of a crinolined lady.

LYNNE TRUSS

Polly pickings

ART MARKET DIARY

SOTHEBY'S was coy last month about the source of the world's most expensive Islamic object. All it would say was that the battered 15th-century Iznik pottery candlestick which fetched £560,000 (hammer price) had been consigned by a branch of the Trustee Savings Bank. It has since transpired that the previous owner was Asil Nadir, the Cypriot bankrupt, and that many more of his former possessions are in the sale pipeline.

First to come under the hammer on June 9 and 15 will be the items withdrawn from Phillips's 1991 sale of furniture from his Mayfair offices, following Nadir's insistence that they were his personal property. As for the rest, removed principally from Nadir's former London home in Eaton Place, receivers say they are currently "seeking professional advice" from Sotheby's, Christie's and Bonhams. Paintings such as *Sybil* by Lord Leighton should sell easily enough. The challenge could be finding buyers for more than a hundred suits and shirts, and 700 ties.

● LOSSES at Lloyd's have forced members of the Historic Houses Association to sell art and antiques at an unprecedented rate, according to the HHA president, Lord Shelburne. "Last year alone, the value of works and chattels sold amounted to a third of the value of all those sold in the previous decade," he says. Over the past year casualties have included Pitchford Hall, the Elizabethan manor house, and a major cycle of paintings sold by Lord Elgin.

Seller's premium

LAST July the Victoria & Albert Museum retired defeated from the saleroom when the international dealer Reiner Zeitz outbid it on a 13th-century English jewel. Knowing a good client when he sees one, Zeitz then approached the museum and managed to sell it for £48,000 — a mark-up of £17,000. A double-ringed gold clasp set with a sapphire, it is thought to have been a brooch to fasten an open-necked garment. "It is of a type quite unknown before its discovery last year," says the V&A's Marion Campbell.

SARAH JANE CHECKLAND

THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** on Coward's *Relative Values* in Chichester

An ugly pride in prejudice

If you want to know why Noel Coward fell into disfavour in the earnest 1950s and is still regarded as a reactionary by some, you should see *Relative Values*. It would be hard to imagine a play better calculated to irk Kenneth Tynan, goad John Osborne, get up Arnold Wesker's nose, and promote the cause of the kitchen sink industry. Indeed, you might find the piece worth a visit if you wish to join the debate on class that has lately surfaced. It actually ends with a toast to privilege, proposed by a butler of Jeevesian wisdom and resource; and there is no doubt that Coward, too, is eagerly drinking it.

That may surprise those who like his earlier work, from *Private Lives* to *Design for Living* to *Blithe Spirit*. There, the characters were divided into Them and Us, but We were the bohemians and They were the squares.

In *Relative Values* the snobbishness has shifted almost 180 degrees. We are the landed aristocracy, its friends and its retainers, and They are the counterjumpers and glamorous outsiders. Such was Coward's reaction to post-war Britain from his Jamaican eyrie.

Tim Luscombe and Rob Howell, who respectively direct and design at Chichester, could do more to give the play a period feel. But references to nationalism and the Kon-Tiki expedition, and lines like "the trouble with modern English life is that so many of one's friends have to work", are enough to suggest that the time is 1951 or thereabouts. In any case, what matters is that the callow young Earl of Marshwood is about to make a contribution to the social upheavals of the era. He plans to marry Miranda Frayle, a Hollywood star of English origin who is, unknown to him, the sister of his mother's maid, loyal old Moxie.

MARILYN KINGWILL



Touches of class: Susan Hampshire and Sarah Brightman

Whatever we may think of the more sympathetic characters' attitude to the match, which is that it is an offence against nature, it offers plenty of openings for laughter. The scene in which Alison Fiske's trusty Moxie tries to suppress her half-cockney vowels and pass herself off as a lady, thereby avoiding recognition by her long-estranged sister, certainly had them chortling away at Chichester.

When Sarah Brightman's artificially sweet and simple Miranda started spinning lurid tales about her deprived childhood, leaving Moxie to boggle and fume, I chuckled too. With Susan Hampshire bringing her unaffected charm and gentle humour to the role of the dowager Countess of Marshwood, there is not a lot obviously wrong with Luscombe's revival.

Yet it shows a Coward in decline. Where is the mischief, the larkiness of spirit, the sheer anarchy of *Fallen Angels* or *Hay Fever*? What left me more depressed than amused was not, I think, that hopeful toast to "the final inglorious disintegration of the most unlikely dream that ever troubled the foolish heart of man, social equality". It was not even the assumption that the upper-crust English make lesser breeds, such as Americans, look pretty absurd. It was the sheer exhaustion of sitting through a play in which every speech, every line, almost every word seemed designed to place the characters in our unending class system.

For the record, the countess surreptitiously manoeuvres Miranda into rejecting her son. I can, however, think of a happier ending. Miranda would star in a remake of *King Kong*, which would end with the giant gorilla sitting on Marshwood House and squashing it and all its smug inhabitants flat. The Coward of the 1920s and 1930s would have relished that, too.

GALLERIES: CRITIC'S CHOICE

● **CAMILLE PISSARRO.** With the big touring show of Pissarro's city paintings in series coming up at the Royal Academy in July, it is useful to be offered this little refresher course in advance. There are six oil paintings and a profusion of pastels, watercolours and drawings, some of them very slight but all vividly evocative of the man and his approach to life. Most are figure subjects or glimpses of country life. **JPL Fine Arts**, 26 Davies Street, W1 (071-493 2630). Mon-Fri, 10am-5.30pm, until July 16. Closed Bank holiday Monday.

● **JOAN SOUTER-ROBERTSON.** A buoyant 90, Souter-Robertson trained with André Lhote in the 1920s. Most of Lhote's pupils became assiduous imitators, but she belonged to the minority who learnt by reaction. Her delicate landscapes are tautly constructed, her flower pieces richly coloured. **Addison-Ross Gallery**, 40 Eaton Terrace, SW1 (071-730 1536). Mon-Sat, 9am-6pm, until June 5.

● **NATCHEZ ON THE MISSISSIPPI.** Even in Natchez, obscure though it has generally been except as alleged inspiration for *Show Boat*, photographers were busily at work in the last quarter of the 19th-century. Henry C. Norman was town photographer from 1870 until his death in 1915, and as such recorded the booming steamboat era in this busy river town. His predecessor Henry Gurney photographed the more sombre Civil War period. The pictures in this exhibition are selected from a cache of more than 70,000 found stored on an open patio in the 1970s. **Concourse Gallery**, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 4141). Mon-Sat, 10am-7.30pm, Sun, Bank holidays, noon-7.30pm, until June 25.

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WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

LONDON

SWAN LAKE: Paris Opéra Ballet recruit Manuel Legris dances Prince Siegfried in tomorrow evening's performance, partnered by Sylvie Guillem as Odette-Odile. For the matinee performance, Fiona Chadwick dances opposite Adam Cooper.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066), tomorrow, 2.30pm and 7.30pm.

TRIAL BY JURY: Following *The Magic Flute* in the Masonic Temple, the BOC Covent Garden Festival offers another work in an appropriate setting: Gilbert and Sullivan's one-acter — the work which really established their collaboration — performed in Bow Street Magistrates' Court. If you are interested in participating, there are open rehearsals before Monday's 1pm and 4.30pm performances — arrive 90 minutes beforehand.
Bow Street Magistrates' Court, London, WC2, tomorrow, 7pm, 8.30pm; also Mon, 1pm, 4.30pm, 7pm, 8.30pm. (booking, First call: 071-497 9977).

VIENNA PHILHARMONIC: Riccardo Muti conducts Fauré's *Pelléas et Mélisande* suite, Ravel's *Rapsodie Espagnole* and Beethoven's Symphony No 3 "Eroica".
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), Sun, 7.30pm.

LAURINDO ALMEIDA: The guitarist is *joined by soprano Deltra Eamon for a* programme of traditional Brazilian songs and arrangements by himself and Jaime Ovalle.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, London W1 (071-935 2141), tonight, 7.30pm.

THE TAMING OF THE SHREW: Summer in the Park again. Toby Robertson directs Geordie Johnson, Cathy Tyson and Bernard Bresslaw in Shakespeare at his most politically incorrect.
Open Air, Regent's Park, NW1 (071-486 2431). Previews tomorrow, Mon, 8pm; opens Tues, 8pm; then Mon-Sat, 8pm.

LESTER BOWIE: The American trumpeter, co-founder of the Art Ensemble of Chicago and indignant *spokesman on black civil rights*, is in London this week with his heavy-duty lineup Brass Fantasy. The new live recording, *The Fire This Time*, follows the LA riots and is said to find the group in powerful voice. Fine support from Iain Ballamy.
Ronnie Scott's, 47 Frith Street, W1 (071-439 0747). Tonight, tomorrow, doors 8.30pm, performance 9.30pm.

REGIONAL

BIRMINGHAM: Bernard Horsfall in the title role of **Volpone** with Gerard Murphy as his unscrupulous servant, Mosca. Bill Alexander sets his production in the self-indulgent 1890s.
Birmingham Rep, Centenary Square (021-236 4455). Previews from tonight, 7.30pm; opens Mon, 7.30pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; some mats on Thurs, 2.30pm and Sat, 3pm.

GUILDFORD: Opera in the open air is performed by a young troupe of professional musicians at the National Trust's Hatchlands Park. Tonight's *Mozart evening of arias, duets and* ensembles includes a performance of the one-act opera, *The Impresario*. Tomorrow there is a period-costume *staging of Donizetti's Don Pasquale*.
Hatchlands Park, near Guildford, off the A246 (M25 junctions 9 or 10). Box office: 0483 222482.

MILTON KEYNES: The powerhouse rock band **Guns n' Roses** returns for two big-stadium gigs with strong support from Ian Astbury's goth rock outfit, The Cult.
National Bowl (0908 232888), tomorrow, Sun, 3pm.

PORTSMOUTH: A fine gathering of blues players takes place at the **Portsmouth Blues Festival** this weekend. The festival kicks off tonight *with a lineup featuring the Irish guitarist* Rory Gallagher, Washington-based group Nighthawks, exponents of the east coast blues, and the Hendrix-influenced three-piece, The Hamsters. There are also appearances by Bobby Mack, Barrence Whitfield, Sherman Robertson, Snooky Pryor, Steve Roux *and Larry Garner*.
Festival Box Office, Guildhall (0705 824355).

NORTHAMPTON: The **London Philharmonic** ends its series of concerts at the Derngate Theatre with a concert highlighting the Swiss composer Frank Martin, giving a performance of *his rarely heard* Concerto for wind instruments. Matthias Bamert also conducts Mozart's Piano Concerto (with Ronan O'Hora as the soloist), Debussy's *La Mer* and Fauré's dance piece *Masques et Bergamasques*.
Derngate Theatre, 19/21 Guildhall Road (0604 24811), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

■ **ARCADIA.** Tom Stoppard in sparkling form brings together love, chaos theory and much else. Stars Felicity Kendal and Emma Fielding.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, Mon-Wed, 7.30pm, mats tomorrow, Wed, 2.30pm. 180mins.

☐ **THE BEGGAR'S OPERA:** John Caird's boisterous production. David Burt is the dashing highwayman.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 195mins.

☐ **THE BESHT TELLERS:** Reviving the tradition of Jewish storytelling, this travelling company brings two poignant, exhilarating tales.
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-836 2132). *Telling Tales*: Mon, Fri, 8pm, Sat, 5.45pm and 8.30pm. 120mins. *The Story of the Last of the Just*: Tues, Wed, Thurs, 8pm. 150mins.

◪ **CITY OF ANGELS:** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in L.A. and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

■ **CRAZY FOR YOU:** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

☐ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA:** Penelope Wilton the victim of unsatisfactory men in Rattigan's well-staged but so old-fashioned drama.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

◪ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON:** Blazing performance by Judi Dench in combat with Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling the themes of justice and terrible revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

■ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST:** Maggie Smith commands *the brittle world of lost handbags in this* elegant revival. With Alex Jennings, Richard E. Grant, Margaret Tyzack.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

☐ **JUNO AND THE PAYCOCK:** Sound and steady production from the Gate Theatre, Dublin. Anita Reeves an admirable Juno.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

☐ **THE LAST YANKEE:** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins.

☐ **ON THE PISTE:** John Godber's slight but amusing look at partner trouble in a downmarket ski resort.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

☐ **ROMEO AND JULIET.** Joe Dixon and Joanna Roth play the star-crossed couple in Michael Bogdanov's staging for English Shakespeare Company.
Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

■ **THE SCHOOL OF NIGHT:** Peter Whelan's inventive drama on Marlowe's last days; charismatic performance by Richard McCabe.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 180mins.

◪ **THE SHOWMAN:** Alan Bates is clever and funny as Thomas Bernhard's self-obsessed actor touring alpine villages, but the play does not mount to much.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Fri, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

☐ **TRELAWNY OF THE 'WELLS':** Helen McCrory a fine heroine in goodish though sometimes slow staging by John Caird.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm, 190mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ◪ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ... ☐ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ■ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... ☐ **Cyrano de Bergerac**: Theatre Royal (071-930 8800) ... ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ☐ *An Ideal Husband*: Globe (071-494 5065) ... ◪ **It Runs in the Family**: Playhouse (071-839 4401) ... ◪ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◪ **Kiss Of The Spider Woman**: Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) ... ■ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ☐ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

BAD BEHAVIOUR (15): Domestic tangles in North London. Droll improvised comedy from director Les Blair, with Stephen Rea, Sinead Cusack.
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353).

◆ **COP AND A HALF** (PG): Pipsqueak kid joins Florida detective Burt Reynolds on a case. Inane action comedy, directed by Henry Winkler.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **JACK THE BEAR** (12): Danny *DeVito has single-parent problems*. Ugly-looking, overloaded comedy-drama with agreeable child performers. Marshall Herskovitz directs.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683).

MADAME BOVARY (PG): Claude Chabrol adapts Flaubert; annoyingly dull, despite Isabelle Huppert as the bored provincial wife.
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OPERA: Early Shostakovich revived in Brighton; new music theatre premiered in London

In pursuit of the proboscis

The Nose
Theatre Royal, Brighton

THE 21-year-old Shostakovich's first opera has lost little of its shock value. The exuberance of the musical invention, the torrent of ideas, the wit by turn sardonic, blatant and subtle, the virtuoso instrumentation, the 80-odd solo roles within its 100-minute span — one emerged from this Brighton Festival performance by the Moscow Chamber Opera almost as exhausted as the cast must have been after dashing about doubling, tripling and quadrupling their roles.

The Gogol-based plot about the St Petersburg civil servant who wakes up one morning minus his nose, and later meets the errant organ at prayer in Kazan Cathedral dressed as a civil servant of superior rank, also remains irresistibly funny, even when the obvious phallic connotations are underplayed, as they were here.

But MCO's version must be regarded as authentic. Shostakovich completed the piece just too late. By 1930 Stalinist repression had started, the critics savaged *The Nose*, and it was taken off after only 16 performances. MCO's 1974 staging, produced by Boris Pokrovsky and with the composer in attendance, marked the work's rehabilitation in the Soviet Union, and it has been in the company's repertory ever since, with many singers still in *their original roles*.

Pokrovsky stages it in the simplest of sets with costumes on stands at either side for quick changes and the whole company on stage for much of the time, either watching the action or shifting props. The humour is broad, but conveyed with aplomb by a true ensemble cast: at one moment you may be in the chorus, at the next singing an important solo role. I worried only about the way the interludes were acted out, sometimes incomprehensibly.



Moscow Chamber Opera's staging of *The Nose*: broad humour, conveyed with aplomb by a true ensemble

Given the nature of the ensemble, it might seem invidious to single out performances. But one must salute Eduard Akimov, who sang the leading role in 1974 and did so again on Wednesday. His miming of noselessness, with minimal help from make-up, struck precisely the right risibly pathetic note, and his insufferable smugness once the organ was in full working order again reminded you that it couldn't have happened to a nastier chap. And there were comic performances of peculiarly Russian vividness from Boris Druzhinin as the protagonist's drunken servant, and from Alexei Mochalov as both the barber who finds the severed nose in his breakfast roll, and later as the doctor who recommends its owner to pickle it in vodka.

Under Vladimir Agronsky's ever-alert baton the detail of the orchestration emerged with dazzling clarity. An exhilarating evening, to be repeated (with cast changes) tomorrow.

RODNEY MILNES

Instinctively basic

El Tigre
Donmar Warehouse

IN THE unlikely event that you want to read about yet another mini-opera by a young composer — 20 of these small but imperfectly-formed things are premiered in London this month — may I commend *El Tigre* by Benjamin *Bartlett. True, I was confused by it. But* then, I was confused by *Basic Instinct*, which had much the same plot. You know the idea. Use all available wiles to seduce somebody. Give them sexual ecstasy such as they have never known. *Then kill them.*

What always confuses me is working out who's doing what to whom. *El Tigre* was based on Pablo Neruda's sweet little poem about a tiger lurking by a river, waiting for a woman to come and bathe naked, *pouncing on her*, drinking her blood, breaking all her limbs, and then mourning her for ever. Sigmund Freud, please discuss.

But in Bartlett's opera it was the *woman who sang the tiger's words* and made all the come-here-darling running. Meanwhile, the man (dancer Bob Smith) seemed impervious to her subtle sexual hints — stripping down to her slip, writhing on a table, that kind of thing. At the end, the bewildered tiger/-woman seemed more like the victim, though the question was left dangling.

Over Bartlett's idiosyncratic musical potential, though, no question mark hangs. Scored for about a dozen instruments, his score combined wild and dissonant jungle chants with a ceaselessly throbbing bass. The vocal line, rich in folkish embellishments, was well put over by the soprano Maria Koripas, and she also wins the Most Unlikely Singing Position of the Year prize for delivering a top note while hanging upside down from a table.

The show was presented by the enterprising ensemble Eos, conducted by Charles Hazlewood. Its playing was good in *El Tigre*, and sharper still in Stravinsky's *The Soldier's Tale*, where Samuel West's Narrator and James Durrell's Soldier were excellent, and Caroline Pope's production had some good visual gags. Unfortunately, a *Soldier's Tale* in which the Devil has constantly to consult his script will never go with a fizz.

RICHARD MORRISON

CONCERT: **Hilary Finch** on impressive British premieres of works by two of Finland's finest

On their marks

Ensemble Intercontemporain/ Salonen
Queen Elizabeth Hall

FOR Scandinavian read Finnish; for Finnish read Magnus Lindberg; and you will, by and large, have got the point of the series-within-a-series that France's Ensemble Intercontemporain presents this month. Lindberg is probably the most intellectually lucid, physically ebullient and aurally imaginative of any living Finnish (perhaps any Scandinavian) composer. His magnum opus, *Kraft*, of 1985, receives its London premiere on Sunday: *Kinetics*, smaller and later, was played last night.

Tuesday, though, brought the first British performance of his new *Corrente*, a work from the third phase of his composing career. In *Kraft* he rebelled and set his own high modernist cards on the table; in *Kinetics* harmony and form brightened into near consonance; in *Corrente*, modes and metres shift, and ambiguity begins to be the order of the day. The title implies references to both the dance movement of the Baroque suite and to the literal "running" movement of it. And run it does: the work's rapidly pulsing textures are *varied with an appropriate degree of* artifice, as one rhythmic ostinato is transformed colourfully and deftly into another.

Typical of Lindberg, the quality of shifting movement is experienced richly by the senses as well as the mind. His acute feeling for the precise placing and flavouring of each of the 16 instruments creates an irresistible kaleidoscope of patterns which imprint themselves on the memory even on first hearing.

In many ways, though, the real discovery of the evening was the first *British performance of Jouni* Kaipainen's *Carpe Diem!* for clarinet and orchestra. With Lindberg and Salonem, Kaipainen was a member of "Korvat Auki" ("Ears Open"), founded as a support group for the new music which was to explode from Helsinki Academy in the 1970s. His is essentially a refined chamber-musical talent.

In this 25-minute, two-movement concerto, a vast range of meticulously scored percussion add their voices to the ticking and pulsing of time which, as the title implies, is the underlying preoccupation of the piece.

The clarinet (here played, superlatively, by Kari Kriiku) is the voice which plays time at its own game: multiphonics, split tones and all. With its swift, bubbling figures, blithe melodies and ardent declamation, it constantly reminded one of the 17th-century English poet Andrew Marvell's words: "... although we cannot make our Sun / Stand still, yet we will make him run".

Nicely separating the two works, Esa-Pekka Salonem conducted Sarah Leonard and six players in his own anarchic *Floof*, a still highly entertaining glimpse into the mind of a deranged poet.

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NEW WAVES

The insider's guide to the Next Big Thing

Singer-songwriters are wondrous commodities for a record company. Cheap to run, they sell low-budget albums to anybody who ever felt isolated, sad, ruminant or in love with minor seventh chords.

That takes care of most of the population, which is why the early warning radar is already pinging in response to Lena Fiagbe. Signed to U2's Mother Records, Fiagbe's style is close to that of the underrated, sadly almost forgotten Laura Nyro. A 24-year-old native of Notting Hill Gate, she sounds like a gentle, intimate (if slightly off-key) soul singer, a reminder that Richie Havens and Bill Withers were once as important to the genre as Joni Mitchell.

Posed on her album cover to look like a black Christine Keeler, Fiagbe is a startlingly effective product of the 1960s to 1990s patchwork that is pop. This could be her trump card. The trend towards an unplugged sound may indicate new directions for popular music. When Soul II Soul went glossy, they threw away an opportunity to create multi-purpose, danceable, listening pop. Fiagbe has embraced the challenge.

"You come from earth," she sings in an anti-discrimination song. "It really shouldn't matter." Inevitably, her songs feature words such as "planet" and "related", and "One World" wins no prizes for original title of the year, yet the vulnerability sounds genuine. Artists such as this are greeted with either studied indifference or suffocating hype. If Fiagbe can survive both, then expect a success story.

DAVID TOOP

ROCK ON FRIDAY: **David Sinclair** finds the Waterboys dropping off in a New York state of mind

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THE WATERBOYS
Dream Harder
(Geffen GED 24476)
IT IS hard to judge at exactly what point an enthusiasm for romantic flights of fancy becomes an inability to stick to the job in hand, especially in a creative context. But wherever the dividing line is, Waterboys supremo Mike Scott has undoubtedly crossed it many times during his band's decade-long existence.

The latest twist in a career that might have been designed to throw prospective fans off the scent, is a return to the rock band fundamentals which the Edinburgh-born Scott abandoned when he moved from London to Ireland in 1986. Having dwelt in the rustic calm of Co. Galway, during which time he wrote and recorded the Gaelic-flavoured folk-rock of *Fisherman's Blues* and *Room To Roam*, Scott has now upped sticks again and moved the Waterboys to New York.

Dream Harder, with its loud drum sound, inflexible rhythms and soaring electric guitar solos, is plainly designed to reflect the greater noise and faster pace of life in the urban jungle. But, as a portrait of the country boy with his head in the clouds walking to the beat of the mean city streets, it also underlines the uncomfortably mercurial quality at the heart of Scott's work.

The album opens with a piston-like shuffle called "The New Life", a song bursting with optimistic references to spiritual re-awakening and images of new leaves being turned. Next comes a jubilant yell of "I just found God", the catchy slogan which serves as the chorus of "Glastonbury Song", the first of several numbers devoted to the theme of dreams and dreaming.

Sometimes it works, as in "The Return Of Jimi Hendrix", a spacey narrative about the day the guitarist came back for an impromptu jam and the sound of his guitar "stopped every clock in New York state". Set to a minimalist electro rhythm track Scott's colourful words tumble out with all the breathless fluency of a Dylan imitator in his prime.

But as better writers than Scott have found, the dream theme is a road which invariably turns out to be a cul de sac. For while dreams can be a powerful source of inspiration, they also tend to be incoherent and of limited interest to those other than the dreamer.

Throw large doses of religious mysticism into the mix ("The Return Of Pan", "Spiritual City"), add a W.B. Yeats poem set to a ponderous, descending sequence ("Love And Death"), pad it out with a jokey country song about corn circles and the result is a pleasant but meandering post-hippy hodgepodge. Though not without its charms, *Dream Harder* could have done with a harder focus.

VAN MORRISON
Too Long In Exile
(Polydor 519 219)
THE second album released this week boasting a Yeats poem — this time it is "Before The World Was Made" set to a genteel slice of supper-club jazz — *Too Long In Exile* finds Van Morrison making a rather half-hearted return to his rhythm 'n' blues roots. Along with a reworking of his own standard "Gloria", featuring a typically lugubrious contribution from John Lee Hooker, there are relaxed renditions of Sonny Boy Williamson's "Good Morning Little Schoolgirl", Doc Pomus's "Lonely Avenue" and Brook Benton's "I'll Take Care Of You" alongside a raft of new Morrison compositions in a broadly similar, blues-rooted vein.

An able supporting cast including Georgie Fame (organ), Candy Dulfer (saxophone) and Ronnie Johnson (guitar), provide performances that are as polished as ever, but while the album is fine for relaxing to on a sunny afternoon, it doesn't sound as if a great deal of effort has gone into the making of most of these songs.

Morrison plays more saxophone, harmonica and guitar than usual and strikes a suitably reflective tone on numbers like "Wasted Years" and "Ball & Chain". But there is a lack of urgency about it all, and the nagging suspicion remains that here is an artist re-ploughing very old territory because he can't think of where else to go next.

DONALD FAGEN
Kamakiriad
(Reprise 9362-45230)
IT ONLY takes a few bars of the opening track, "Trans-Island Skyway", to recognise former Steely Dan stalwart Donald Fagen as a musician for whom the 1980s never happened. First comes the greased, jazz-funk guitar, lightly noodling away on a variant of Betty Wright's perennial "Clean Up Woman" riff; then the bass and drums, telepathically interlocking on those snappy little rabbit-punch pushes. Enter Fagen's supple, personality-free voice, carefully manouevring somewhere between soul and scat; and finally the precision horn arrangements sliding down through the staves like a warm treacle topping.

Produced by Walter Becker, Fagen's old Steely Dan partner, *Kamakiriad* is a monument to the intellectual and technical ingenuity of a bygone age. Superlative in sound but bereft of feel, it is an immaculate irrelevance.

ROD STEWART
Unplugged ... And Seated
(Warner Bros 9362-45289)
WITH his old sparring partner Ronnie Wood in tow, Stewart clambers aboard MTV's runaway *Unplugged* bandwagon with a soundtrack which teases the maximum of nostalgic schmaltz from an orgy of hits, most of which sound much the same as they always did. While the idea of uncoupling Stewart from his full electric band might sound adventurous in theory, in practice little has been left to chance in a systematic trawl of favourites ranging from the distant delights of "Every Picture Tells A Story" and "Maggie May", to more recent croon-a-long versions of Tom Waits's "Tom Traubert's Blues (Waltzing Matilda)" and Van Morrison's "Have I Told You Lately".

As a bid to replicate the success of *Unplugged* albums by other performers it could just work, but it is far too calculated an exercise to capture the innocent adventure that informed the best of the earlier *Unplugged* sessions.



Careful with that axe: the Waterboys' Mike Scott leads with his chin on *Dream Harder*

Top 10 albums

1	Janet	Janet Jackson (Virgin)
2	Kamakiriad	Donald Fagen (Reprise)
3	Automatic For The People	R.E.M. (Warner Brothers)
4	Dream Harder	The Waterboys (Geffen)
5	Fate Of Nations	Robert Plant (Es Paranza)
6	No Limits	2 Unlimited (PWL Continental)
7	Breathless	Kenny G (Arista)
8	So Close	Dina Carroll (A&M PM)
9	Unplugged ... And Seated	Rod Stewart (Warner Brothers)
10	Republic	New Order (CentreDate)

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WHAT'S OUT & ABOUT

SINGLES: Pet Shop Boys: "Can You Forgive Her?" (Parlophone 8 80638). The disconsolate duo's first release for 18 months is a dramatic tale of amorous discord, punctuated with "operatic" synthesizer sounds. Close your eyes and think of Tears For Fears.
Tears For Fears: "Break It Down Again" (Mercury IDECX18). Portentous slice of New Man pop with big string section noises at the end.
Soul Asylum: "Runaway Train" (Columbia 276). Relaxed, sad, catchy tune and clever wordplay from Minneapolis group who started out as hardcore rockers but now wish to be the next R.E.M. Catch them at the Underworld, London NW1 (071-267 3626) tonight.

TELEVISION: *The Next Big Thing* (C4, Sun, 5.30pm). Compelling, fly-on-the-wall series documenting the ups and downs of a real-life, struggling rock band called FMB. What makes it ring true is that neither the band nor the programme's producers has any axe to grind.
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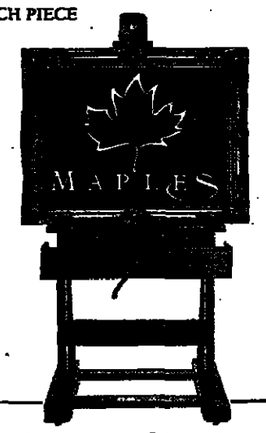


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Human Rights Law Report

Strasbourg

UK terrorism Act suspension of detainee's rights justified

Brannigan and McBride v United Kingdom

(Case No 5/1992/350/423-424)

Before R. Ryssdal, President and Judges R. Bernhardt, Thor Vilhjalmsson, F. Golcuklu, F. Matscher, *L-E. Pettiti, B. Walsh, R. Macdonald,* C. Russo, A. Spielmann, J. De Meyer, N. Valticos, S. K. Martens, E. Palm, I. Foighel, R. Pekkanen, A. N. Loizou, J. M. Morenilla, F. Bigi, John Freeland, A. B. Baka, M. A. Lopes Rocha, L. Wildhaber, G. Mifsud Bonnici, J. Makarczyk and D. Gotchev

Registar M.-A. Eissen

[Judgment May 26]

The United Kingdom's withdrawal from observance of certain of its obligations under the European Convention of Human Rights satisfied the requirements of article 15 thereof and therefore applicants complaining of detention without being brought before a court could not validly complain of a violation of article 5.3 of the Convention.

The European Court of Human Rights so held by 22 votes to 4 in dismissing applications lodged with the European Commission of Human Rights by two Northern Ireland residents, Mr Peter Brannigan and Mr Patrick McBride.

The Court also held, by 22 votes to 4, that there had been no violation of articles 5.5 and 13 of the Convention.

Article 5 provides: "1 Everyone has the right to liberty and security of person. No one shall be deprived of his liberty save in the following cases and in accordance with a procedure prescribed by law:

(a) the lawful detention of a person after conviction by a competent court;

(b) the lawful arrest or detention of a person for non-compliance with the lawful order of a court or in order to secure the fulfilment of any obligation *prescribed by law;*

(c) the lawful arrest or detention of a person effected for the purpose of bringing him before the competent legal authority on reasonable suspicion of having committed an offence or when it is reasonably considered necessary to prevent his committing an offence or fleeing after having done so: . . .

"3 Everyone arrested or detained in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1(c) of this article shall be brought promptly before a judge or other officer authorised by law to exercise judicial power and shall be entitled to trial within a reasonable time or to release pending trial. Release may be conditioned by guarantees to appear for trial.

"4 Everyone who is deprived of his liberty by arrest or detention shall be entitled to take proceedings by which the lawfulness of his detention shall be decided speedily by a court and his release ordered if the detention if not lawful.

"5 Everyone who has been the victim of arrest or detention in contravention of the provisions of this Article shall have an enforceable right to compensation."

Article 15 provides:

"1 In time of war or other public emergency threatening the life of the nation any high contracting party may take measures derogating from its obligations under this Convention to the extent strictly required by the exigencies of the situation, provided that such measures are now inconsistent with its other obligations under international law. . .

"3 Any high contracting party availing itself of this right of derogation shall keep the Secretary General of the Council of Europe fully informed of the measures which it has taken and the reasons therefore. It shall also inform the Secretary General of the Council of Europe when such measures have ceased to operate and the provisions of the Convention are again being fully executed."

Article 13 provides:

"Everyone whose rights and freedoms as set forth in this Convention are violated shall have an effective remedy before a national authority notwithstanding that the violation has been committed by persons acting in an official capacity."

Mr Brannigan was arrested on January 9, 1989 and brought to an interrogation centre in Gough Barracks, Armagh. He was arrested pursuant to section 12(1)(b) of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1984, which permitted the arrest without warrant of a person where there were reasonable grounds for suspecting that he was or had been concerned in the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism. A two-day extension of his detention was granted by the *secretary of state on January 10. That* was further extended for three days on January 12. He was released on January 15, having been detained for a total period of 6 days, 14 hours and 30 minutes.

Mr McBride was arrested on January 5, 1989 under the same provision of the 1984 Act and removed to Castlereagh Interrogation Centre. The secretary of state granted a three-day extension of his detention on January 6. He was released on January 9, having been detained for a total period of 4 days, 6 hours and 25 minutes. Mr McBride was later shot dead in Belfast on February 4, 1992 by a policeman who had run amok.

The applications to the European Commission of Human Rights, which were lodged on January 19, 1989, were joined on October 5, 1990 and declared admissible on February 28, 1991.

Having attempted unsuccessfully to secure a friendly settlement, the Commission drew up a report on December 3, 1991 in which it established the facts and expressed the opinion by eight votes to five, that there had been no violation of article 5.3 and 5.5 of the Convention in view of the United Kingdom's derogation of December 23, 1988 under article 15. It also found unanimously that no separate issue arose under article 13.

The Commission referred the case to the Court on February 21, 1992.

In its judgment, the European Court of Human Rights held:

I Alleged violations of article 5

A Validity of the UK's derogation under article 15

1 The Court's approach

The Court recalled that it fell to each contracting state, with its responsibility for the life of its nation, to determine whether that life was threatened by a public emergency, and, if so, how far it was necessary to go in attempting to overcome the emergency.

By reason of their direct and continuous contact with the pressing needs of the moment, the national authorities were in principle in a better position than the international judge to decide both on the presence of such an emergency and on the nature and scope *of derogations necessary to avert it.* Accordingly, in that matter a wide margin of appreciation should be left to the national authorities.

Nevertheless, it was for the Court to rule on whether, *inter alia,* the state had gone beyond "the extent strictly required by the exigencies" of the crisis. In exercising its supervision, the Court had to give appropriate weight to such relevant factors as the nature of the rights affected by the derogation, the circumstances leading to, and the duration of the emergency situation.

2 Existence of a public emergency threatening the life of the nation

Both the Government and the Commission, referring to the existence of public disturbance in Northern Ireland, maintained that there was a public *emergency. Making its own assessment,* in the light of all the material before it as to the extent and impact of terrorist violence in Northern Ireland and elsewhere in the United Kingdom, the Court considered that there could be no doubt that such an emergency existed at the relevant time.

3 Were the measures strictly required by the exigencies of the situation?

(a) General considerations

The Court recalled that judicial control of interferences by the executive with the individual's right to liberty provided for by article 5 was implied by one of the fundamental principles of a democratic society, namely the rule of law.

It also observed that the notice of derogation invoked in the present case was lodged by the UK Government soon after the judgment in the *Brogan and Others* case (*The Times* November 30, 1988, Series A, No 145), where the Court had found the government to be in breach of its obligations under article 5.3 by not bringing the applicants promptly before a court.

The derogation fell to be scrutinised against that background, taking into account that the power of arrest and detention in question had been in force since 1974.

(b) Was the derogation a genuine response to an emergency situation?

The Court observed that the power of arrest and extended detention has been considered necessary by the government *since 1974 in dealing with the threat of* terrorism.

Following the *Brogan* judgment, the government were faced with the option of either introducing judicial control of the decision to detain or lodging a derogation from its Convention obligations in that respect.

The power of extended detention without such judicial control and the derogation of December 23, 1988 being clearly linked to the persistence of the emergency situation, there was no indication that the derogation was other than a genuine response.

(c) Was the derogation premature?

The validity of the derogation could not be called into question for the sole reason that the government had decided to examine whether in the future a way *could be found of ensuring greater* conformity with Convention obligations.

Indeed, such a process of continued reflection was not only in keeping with article 15.3 which required permanent review of the need for emergency measures but was also implicit in the very notion of proportionality.

(d) Was the absence of judicial control of extended detention justified?

The Court noted that opinions expressed in the Shackleton, Jellicoe and Colville reports (published, respectively, in 1978, 1983 and 1987) reviewing the operation of the prevention of terrorism legislation, that the difficulties of investigating and prosecuting terrorist crime give rise to the need for an extended period of detention which would not be subject to judicial control.

It further observed that it remained the view of the respondent government that it was essential to prevent the disclosure to the detainee and his legal adviser of information on the basis of which decisions on the extension of detention were made and that, in the adversarial system of the common law, the independence of the judiciary would be compromised if judges or other judicial officers were to be involved in the granting or approval of extensions.

It was also noted that the introduction of a judge or other officer authorised by law to exercise judicial power into the process of extension of periods of detention would not of itself necessarily bring about a situation of compliance with article 5.3.

It was not the Court's role to substitute its view as to what measures were most appropriate or expedient at the relevant time in dealing with an emergency for *that of the government* which had direct responsibility for establishing the balance between the taking of effective measures to combat terrorism on the one hand, and respecting individual rights on the other.

In the context of Northern Ireland, where the judiciary was small and vulnerable to terrorist attacks, public confidence in the independence of the judiciary was understandably a matter to which the government attached great importance.

In the light of these considerations, it could not be said that the government had exceeded the margin of appreciation in deciding, in the prevailing circumstances, against judicial control.

(e) Safeguards against abuse

The Court noted that the remedy of *habeas corpus* was available to test the lawfulness of the original arrest and detention.

There was no dispute that that remedy was open to the applicants had they or their legal advisers chosen to avail themselves of it and that it provided an important measure of protection against arbitrary detention.

Moreover, detainees had an absolute and legally enforceable right to consult a solicitor after 48 hours from the time of arrest. Both the applicants were, in fact, free to consult a solicitor after that period.

It was also not disputed that detainees were entitled to inform a relative or friend about their detention and to have access to a doctor.

In addition to the above basic safeguards, the operation of the legislation in question had been kept under regular independent review.

(f) Conclusion.

Having regard to the nature of the terrorist threat in Northern Ireland, the limited scope of the derogation and the reasons advanced in support of it, as well as the existence of basic safeguards against abuse, the Court considered (Judges Pettiti, Walsh, De Meyer and Makarczyk dissenting) that the government had not exceeded its margin of appreciation in considering that the derogation was strictly required by the exigencies of the situation.

4 Other obligations under international law

The applicants had contended that it was an essential requirement for a valid derogation under article 4 of the 1966 United Nations International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights that a public emergency must have been officially proclaimed.

The Court noted that the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in a statement of December 22, 1988 to the House of Commons, explained in detail the reasons underlying the government's decision to derogate and announced that steps were being taken to give notice of derogation under both article 15 of the Convention and article 4 of the Covenant. In the Court's view, the above statement was well in keeping with the notion of an official proclamation.

5 Summary

The Court concluded that the derogation lodged by the United Kingdom satisfied the requirements of article 15 and that therefore the applicants could not validly complain of a violation of article 5.3. It followed that there was no *obligation under article 5.5 to provide* the applicants with an enforceable right to compensation.

II Alleged violation of article 13

The Court recalled that it was open to the applicants to challenge the lawfulness of the detention by way of *proceedings for habeas corpus and that* the Court in its *Brogan* judgment had found that that remedy satisfied article 5.4 of the Convention.

Since the requirements of article 13 were less strict than those of article 5.4, the Court held, by 22 votes to 4, there *had been no breach of that provision.*

House of Lords

Law Report May 28 1993

Queen's Bench Divisional Court

No power to make costs order

Steele Ford & Newton v Crown Prosecution Service and Another

Bradburys v Same

Robin Murray & Co v Same

McGoldrick & Co v Same

(Consolidated appeals)

Before Lord Griffiths, Lord Bridge of Harwich, *Lord Jauncey of* Tullichettle, Lord Slynn of Hadley and Lord Woolf

[Speeches May 26]

The Court of Appeal, Civil Division, had no power to order that the costs of solicitors' successful appeals against wasted costs orders should be paid out of central funds.

The House of Lords allowed appeals by the Lord Chancellor's Department from the Court of Appeal (Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Lord Justice Lloyd and Lord Justice Stuart-Smith) (*sub nom: Holden & Co v Crown Prosecution Service (No 2)* (*The Times* November 14, 1991; [1992] 1 WLR 407) which had held that it did have such power.

Mr Duncan Matheson, QC and Miss Clare Montgomery for the Lord Chancellor's Department; Mr Bruce Speller for the solicitors; Mr David Pannick, QC and Mr Gerard Clarke for the Crown Prosecution Service.

LORD BRIDGE said that the appeal raised a question of some constitutional importance. Modern legislation had given authority to the courts, in a variety of well defined circumstances, to order the costs incurred by a party to criminal proceedings to be paid out of central funds.

Schedule 1 to the Interpretation Act 1978 provided: " 'Central funds' . . . means money provided by Parliament."

The orders under appeal had been made by the Civil Division of the Court of Appeal in circumstances where no express statutory authority to make such orders could be invoked but in purported exercise of a power to do so that the court had held to be implied in *section 51(1) of the Supreme Court* Act 1981, which, until recently amended by section 4(1) of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990, had provided:

". . . the costs of and incidental to all proceedings in the civil division of the Court of Appeal and in the High Court . . . shall be in the discretion of the court, and the court shall have full power to determine by whom and to what extent the costs are to be paid."

The respondent firms of solicitors had all been the subject of orders made by the crown court that they pay the whole or part of the prosecution costs in criminal trials in which they had represented defendants.

Their appeals against those orders had been heard in November 1989 (*sub nom: Holden & Co v Crown Prosecution Service* [1990] 2 QB 261) and been successful.

At that time such appeals, although arising out of criminal proceedings, had lain to the Civil Division of the Court of Appeal under section 50 of the Solicitors Act 1974 and had themselves been civil, not criminal, proceedings.

The orders against the solicitors had in each case been made by the crown court judge of his own motion, and the Crown Prosecution Service had not sought to *support them. Hence it had not* been appropriate to order the solicitors' costs to be paid by the Crown Prosecution Service.

The Court of Appeal had permitted the Lord Chancellor's Department to be joined to contest the issue of jurisdiction to order the solicitors' costs to be paid out of central funds.

In *R v Bow Street Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate, Ex parte Mirror Group Newspapers Ltd* ([1992] 1 WLR 412, 413) Lord Justice Nolan had said: "The speech of Lord Goff of Chieveley in *Aiden Shipping Co Ltd v Interbulk Ltd* ([1986] AC 965) makes it clear that no restriction is to be implied into section 51(1) [of the 1981 Act]."

He had proceeded to hold that section 51(1) empowered the court to award costs to be paid out of central funds. The Lord Chief Justice had taken the same view in the instant case.

His Lordship totally disagreed with those passages in both judgments. They vividly illustrated the danger of taking a judicial pronouncement out of its context and applying it to a situation far removed from the subject matter to which the original language had been addressed.

The operative language of section 51(1) reproduced in identical terms language originally enacted by section 5 of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act 1890.

The words "the court shall have full power to determine by whom . . . the costs are to be paid," while apt to embrace an order for payment of costs by the Crown in those categories of civil proceedings in which the Crown as a party was amenable by statute to such an order, could not have been intended in 1890 to apply to the Crown as a party to any other category of proceedings, let alone to authorise payment by the Crown of the costs of civil litigation to which the Crown was not a party.

The statutory language was the same in the 1981 Act as it had been in the 1890 Act and could not have acquired any *new meaning.*

Throughout the history of the legislation in which jurisdiction had been expressly conferred to order payment of costs out of money provided by Parliament the circumstances in which such an order *might be made had been* precisely and specifically defined.

Save in relation to licensing authorities, those circumstances could arise only in criminal proceedings, and so far as the Court of Appeal was concerned jurisdiction to make such orders had only been conferred on the Criminal Division of that court.

Section 50(3) of the 1974 Act provided for an appeal to the Court of Appeal from an order made against a solicitor in the crown court.

His Lordship did not see any conceivable basis on which the court could write into the subsection the words "and on any such appeal the Court of Appeal may order the solicitor's costs to be paid out of money provided by Parliament" thereby conferring a jurisdiction otherwise unknown to the Civil Division.

Section 19A of the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985, inserted by section 111 of the Courts and *Legal Services Act 1990,* which had come into force on May 1, 1991, and had not, therefore, applied to the present appeals, now governed wasted costs orders made against solicitors in criminal proceedings. An appeal now lay to the criminal division of the Court of Appeal by virtue of section 21.

There were, however, no words in section 19A(2) that permitted, let alone required, the Lord Chancellor to make regulations authorising awards of costs out of central funds.

The only reason that could be relied on as justifying the implication of a term conferring jurisdiction to order costs to be paid out of money provided by Parliament in any case where such a term had not been expressed was set out by Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, in *Ex parte Central Television plc* ([1992] 1 WLR 4, 9):

"Although there is no express provision empowering us to make an order that the costs should come out of central funds, there is no other possible source for costs and we take the view that such a power must of necessity be implied to make the provision effective."

In the instant case, he had said (at p411): "where, as in these four cases, the order was made on the initiative of the judge, there is no *other source from which to make* an award of costs save out of central funds. It would be unjust that the successful solicitors should have to bear their own costs."

His Lordship could not, however, attribute to the legislature any *general willingness to provide the* kind of publicly funded safety net that the judiciary would like to see in respect of costs necessarily and properly incurred by a litigant and not otherwise recoverable.

For that reason, he found it *impossible to say that whenever* the legislature gave a right of appeal, whether in civil or in criminal proceedings, in circumstances where a successful appellant might be unable to recover his costs from any other party, that afforded a sufficient ground to imply a term enabling the court to order the costs to be paid out of public funds.

His Lordship would overrule the *Bow Street* and *Central Independent Television* cases in so far as they related to costs.

Lord Griffiths, Lord Jauncey, Lord Slynn and Lord Woolf agreed.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Blake Lapthorn: Crown Prosecution Service, Headquarters.

Power to close coal mines

Regina v British Coal Corporation, Ex parte Price and Others (No 3)

Before Lord Justice Glidewell and Mr Justice Hidden

[Judgment May 26]

British Coal could proceed to the closure of 10 collieries without being in breach of a previous order of the Queen's Bench Divisional Court as it had genuinely consulted the unions and had allowed independent scrutiny of its proposals.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved judgment, granting British Coal a declaration that it would not be in breach of a previous order of the court (Lord Justice Glidewell and Mr Justice Hidden) (*The Times* December 30, 1992) if it confirmed and/or implemented a provisional decision reached on May 7, 1993 to proceed to the closure of 10 collieries.

Mr Nicholas Underhill, QC and Mrs Daphne Loebl for British Coal; Mr John Hendy, QC, Mr Andrew Nicol, *Miss Jennifer Eady* and Mr Kier Starmer for Paul David Price, six other miners, the National Union of Mineworkers and the National Association of Colliery Overmen Deputies and Shotfirers.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDE—WELL said that the application was for a declaration of an unusual kind. The court first had to consider whether it had jurisdiction to grant such a declaration.

It had long been established that the power to grant a declaratory judgment was to be exercised *within fairly narrow limits* imposed by previous decisions of the court. In particular, it was well established that the court would not decide an academic or hypothetical question.

The court had ordered British Coal not to reach a final decision on the closure of any of the 10 pits until they had followed a procedure substantially to the same effect as the modified colliery review procedure (MCRP).

British Coal maintained that they had now followed a procedure which met that description. The NUM disputed that.

There had to be, therefore, at least a risk that if British Coal were now to decide to close the pits the NUM would take proceedings for contempt.

The question whether British Coal had satisfied the conditions of the order was therefore both specific and practical, neither hypothetical nor academic. His Lordship was quite satisfied that the court had jurisdiction to determine the question whether British Coal had done what was necessary to comply with the order.

Had British Coal conducted a proper and genuine consultation with the NUM with a view to agreeing a new form of joint machinery which would comply with the order?

If so, such consultation not having produced agreement on the form of machinery, did the various procedures and discussions which had taken place, including the investigation and report into the 10 pits by Boyds, an international mining consultancy, comply with the declaration?

Mr Hendy had argued that consultation was a process which was appropriate where one party *had proposed or was considering a* particular course of action, but had as yet made no decision whether to follow it or not. It was a process which by definition had to precede the making of the decision.

However, he argued, in order *that miners might be made redundant,* whether voluntarily or compulsorily, it was necessary that a decision either to close the pits at which they were employed or at least to reduce the work-force at such pits had already to have been *made.*

Thus it followed from the payment of compensation for voluntary redundancy that British Coal had decided to close the 10 pits before making such payments, and what had purported to be consultation leading to a decision had been no more than a sham.

Mr Underhill had referred the court to the definition of redundancy in section 195(1)(b) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

He had submitted, in his Lordship's judgment correctly, that in the knowledge of the inevitable decline in the market for coal, and of government policy, British Coal were entitled to say that at any one of the 10 *pits the requirement* for their employees to carry out other work was expected to diminish if not to cease, and thus to treat them as being redundant within that definition.

In his Lordship's judgment it *was apparent from the facts that* British Coal had genuinely consulted the NUM with a view to seeking agreement on a form of machinery substantially to the same effect as the MCRP, including some form of independent *scrutiny.*

They had therefore satisfied the first condition necessary for the court to grant the declaration which they sought. The second issue was whether British Coal had followed a procedure substantially *to the same effect as the MCRP.*

The NUM had maintained that the terms of reference given to *Boyds in relation to the 10 pits,* to decide, first, whether British Coal's criteria for closing the pits were satisfied, were not appropriate.

His Lordship had already expressed the view that the criteria adopted for closing the 10 pits, that they were operating at a loss and that there was no realistic prospect of any of the pits operating at a profit in the foreseeable future, far from being *irrational,* were perfectly *reasonable criteria.*

Their Lordships' earlier decision had been based upon British Coal's failure to consult, not upon the irrationality of their criteria.

The essential need after that judgment was to provide some independent body by which the present and likely future profitability or loss-making capacity of each of the 10 pits could be determined.

In his Lordship's judgment, Boyds had supplied the necessary independent scrutiny and thus British Coal had met the conditions contained in that declaration. It followed that his Lordship was now prepared to grant a declaration in the terms sought.

Mr Justice Hidden gave a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Nabarro Nathanson; Stephens Innocent.

Excessive pay not deductible

Earlspring Properties Ltd v Guest (Inspector of Taxes)

Before R Justice Vinelott

[Judgment May 10]

Remuneration paid by a company, on the advice of its accountant, to the sole shareholder and director which was found to be excessive remuneration for the work that she did and to represent in part a diversification of her husband's earnings to her for fiscal purposes, was not deductible in computing the company's tax liability, not being incurred wholly and exclusively for the purposes of the trade under section 130 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970.

Mr Justice Vinelott so held in the Chancery Division when, *inter alia,* rejecting an argument by the taxpayer company, Earlspring Properties Ltd, that general commissioners for Finsbury had erred in their decision to permit a deduction from its profits of only 5 per cent of the sums paid as remuneration to Mrs C. G. Broomfield for accounting periods from 1982 to 1988 and ranging from £90,810 to £192,309.

Mr David Ewart for the taxpayer; Mr Launcelot Henderson for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE VINELOTT said that the company's case was that the commissioners had overlooked the well settled principle that it was for a company to decide what was remuneration for services rendered to it and that the court could not interfere unless it was shown that what was paid was not in truth remuneration.

The company, it was said, was entitled to seek and follow the advice of an experienced professional accountant as to the amount of remuneration that it could properly pay to Mrs Broomfield.

But the commissioners were entitled to conclude as they had, especialy bearing in mind the large leaps in the amounts of the payments and the fiscal advantages of the payment of earned income to Mrs Broomfield, enabling premiums to be paid to a pension fund for her benefit.

Solicitors: Stafford Young Jones; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Indemnity costs can be rarely awarded

Regina v Commissioners of Inland Revenue, Ex parte Leeds Permanent Building Society

Regina v Same, Ex parte National and Provincial Building Society

Before Lord Justice Neill and Mr Justice Mantell

[Judgment May 12]

The fact that legislation was promulgated by Parliament during the course of proceedings which rendered those proceedings abortive could not be a factor which could lead to the defendants being made responsible for indemnity costs. Such costs could only be awarded after careful consideration and then only in exceptional circumstances.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing an application for costs on an indemnity basis by the Leeds Permanent Building Society and the National *and Provincial Building Society* in three related matters each, between them and the Inland Revenue Commissioners, where the commissioners had instigated retrospective legislation in the form of the Finance Act 1991 and *the Finance (No 2) Act 1992,* which rendered abortive the plaintiff societies' application for judicial review of the commissioners' decision to make the Income Tax (Building Societies) Regulations (SI 482 No 1986) under the purported authority of section 343(1A) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970, now section 476 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

Mr Nicholas Underhill, QC, for Leeds; Miss Catharine Otton-Goulder for National and Provincial; Mr Alan Moses, QC, for the commissioners.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that this was an inappropriate case for indemnity costs, and that there was an arguable case for the Leeds Building Society in proceedings which would have gone to a court of law had the retrospective legislation at the behest of the Treasury not intervened.

Even in a case where there were good grounds for thinking that the legislation was at the behest of a government departm nt, there would be a need for careful *consideration before costs could be* awarded against that government department, because the decision to change the law was that of Parliament.

The application for indemnity costs would be dismissed.

Mr Justice Mantell agreed.

Solicitors: Clifford Chance; Slaughter & May; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

No licence required for one-off loan

Hare v Schurek

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Mann and Lord Justice Steyn

[Judgment May 13]

A private or one-off offer of a loan made by a person in business did not amount to a business activity, within the meaning of the Consumer Credit Act 1974, and accordingly no licence under section 40 was required.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, Anthony Hare, against the decision of Judge Farnworth at Bedford County Court on October 30, 1991 when, dismissing the plaintiff's appeal from District *Judge Taylor, he held that the* agreement between the plaintiff and the defendant, Mark Shurek, was not a non-commercial agreement and was unenforceable since there was no licence to cover such an agreement.

Miss Sile McGuckian for the plaintiff; Mr Clive Pithers for the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE MANN said that the plaintiff traded as a motor vehicle dealer. The defendant wished to purchase a vehicle from the plaintiff but was unable to obtain credit. The plaintiff agreed to put the hire purchase agreement in his name and the transaction between the plaintiff and defendant for repayment of the sum in the hire purchase agreement was contained in a used car sales invoice.

The defendant made the first six monthly payments but then stopped. The plaintiff commenced the action to recover the remaining 30 instalments.

The essential and only point was whether the agreement was non-*commercial. If it was not,* section 40 applied. If it was, it was difficult to see any defence to the action.

It was submitted on behalf of the plaintiff that it was a purely private agreement. Alternatively, if it was made in the course of a business, it was an isolated transaction and came within section 189(2). His Lordship accepted those submissions.

However, since there were no findings of fact in the judge's judgment as to whether the agreement was private or a one-off transaction, the appeal would be allowed and the case remitted for a re-hearing.

Lord Justice Lloyd delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Steyn agreed.

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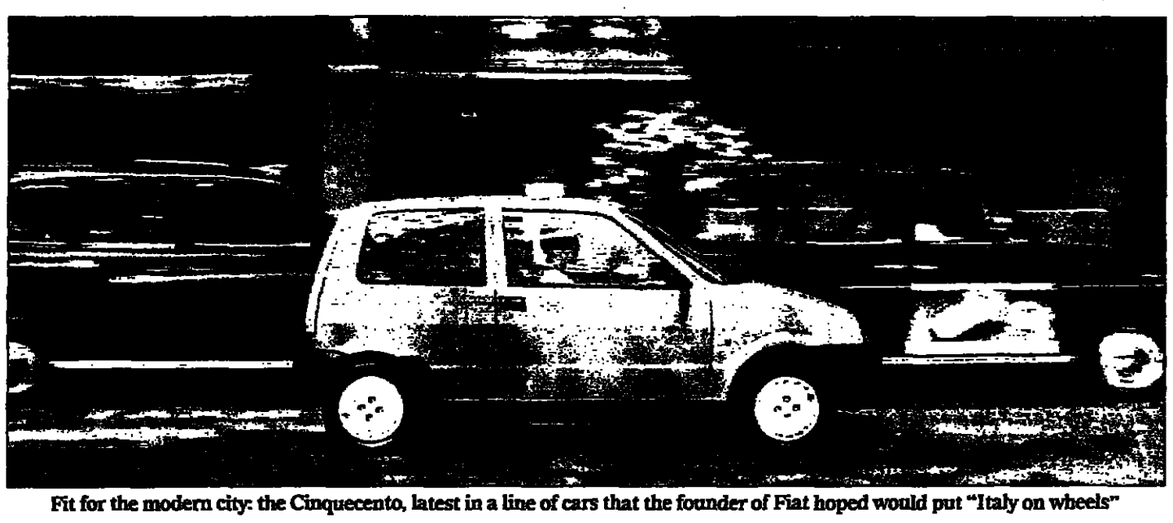
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MOTORING

Parking problems? Not with these minis. Below, and at bottom left, **Kevin Eason** looks at the cars that can squeeze into most spaces

Mighty midget returns to Britain

A new version of Fiat's revolutionary classic is ready to tackle our traffic



Fit for the modern city: the Cinquecento, latest in a line of cars that the founder of Fiat hoped would put "Italy on wheels"

When the parking gets tough, the tough get smaller ... and take up the tightest spaces. Finding 20ft of kerb to nestle the car against is the biggest frustration of any inner-city trip.

The frustration proved too much for one man late for a lunch date at a leading West End club. He simply drove up the steps of a swish London hotel and parked at the top. Not a ploy recommended for Jaguar drivers ... but our hero's car was a Fiat Cinquecento, which, from this week, goes on sale again in Britain.

The Cinquecento story — and I accept that it may be apocryphal — underlines the insanity of driving in Britain's clogged towns and cities in cars as big as narrowboats. Stand on any street corner and watch them go by: Jaguars, Sierras, Cavaliers, BMWs and Mercedes-Benzes, big and bulky and all with just one occupant, supposedly because motorists believe they might need all five comfortable seat spaces in their cars at some time, even driving around town.

That thinking is encouraged by the fact that cars specifically designed for city driving have in the past been functional boxes on wheels with all the style of a boiled sweet and as memorable as an edition of *Neighbours*.

But the age of the city car has now arrived with a long line of models that take two-thirds of the road space of many cars but offer good comfort and performance.

At just 10ft 6in long, Fiat's Cinquecento denies its name, which means 500 in Italian, having a 900cc engine rather than one about half the size. The new car is not even made in Italy, but Poland. Nevertheless, the new Cinquecento is more comfortable and practical than its ancestors and costs only about £5,000.

Designers have made the car tall, allowing for a light and spacious cabin, and there is plenty of power for smooth motorway touring, as well as for coping with the tight turns of the city centre. This is the city car that could woo those drivers whose toughest trip is encountering a sleeping policeman on the way to Sainsbury's.

The Cinquecento follows the Nissan Micra, Europe's car of the year, and the Vauxhall Corsa onto the city streets this year, proving that small does not necessarily mean worse. Unlike products of the Japanese and American-British manufacturers, however, the Cinquecento inherits 60 years of Italian engineering knowhow in small cars.

Giovanni Agnelli senior, who founded the Fabbrica Italiana Automobili Torino in 1899, wanted to make a car for the people — "to put Italy on wheels". The vehicle would have to be small but a workhorse and, above everything, cheap enough to be within reach of the wage packet of every Italian worker.

He gave the task of turning conventional car design upside down to Dante Giacosa, a 28-year-old engineer then working on aero-engine design. Giacosa effectively miniaturised a full-sized car. At its heart was a side-valve 569cc engine with less than a third of the power of a 1959 Mini but good enough for a top speed of just over 50mph. The petrol feed was by gravity from a small tank above the engine which Giacosa mounted forward of the front axle to offer as much passenger room as possible.

The car had hydraulic brakes and a suspension system good enough to be copied years later. It was a mere 6ft 6in long, and there was room for only two seats. The package was so clever that farmers, designers, industrialists and film stars all drove the car they nicknamed the Topolino (Mickey Mouse).

But the most famous and readily identifiable version was the Nuova 500. Launched two years before the Mini, the Nuova 500 was revolutionary. Giacosa ordered the design of half a dozen engines before settling on a 479cc, air-cooled, twin-cylinder, which was shoe-horned into the rear of the car.

Passengers could be shaken to bits before they were deafened by the lawnmower-like engine. The doors hinged in the centre of the car, a novelty except in a high wind, when they could be ripped open. These faults were overcome over the years as bigger-engined versions followed.

Thanks partly to some keen pricing, more than 3.6 million Cinquecentos were built up to 1975, taking the total for the series to more than 5.5 million, and putting it alongside Germany's Volkswagen Beetle and the Mini as one of the world's most popular cars.

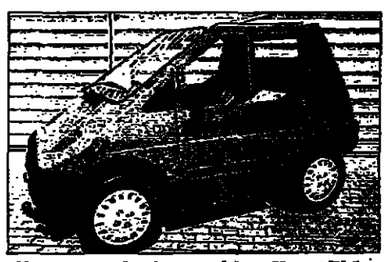
But the need for a Cinquecento faded in the booming 1980s of cheap petrol and richer motorists demanding bigger and better. Small cars — such as the 126, Panda and Uno — were still coming from Fiat's design stable but their boxy blandness could not replace the innovative cuteness that had gone before.

However, the economic crises of the 1990s, plus road congestion that forces cities to a polluted standstill, make the Cinquecento the right car for today's city driver.

● *FIAT CINQUECENTO: £4,990 or £5,415 for the SX, which comes with sunroof, remote central locking and electronic front windows; engine 900cc, four-cylinder for 41 bhp through front-wheel drive; 0 to 62mph in 18 seconds, top speed 87mph, fuel consumption 60.1 miles to the gallon of unleaded at constant 56mph, 42.8mpg in town.*

Fume-free, but can it catch on?

The El-Jet is cheap and green, but a rough ride



Clean contender: battery-driven Kewet El-Jet

IF THIS is the future, it could be a struggle. Whether an electric car can succeed in its present form remains as big a question as ever in my mind after after a test drive in central London. The Kewet El-Jet has arrived in Britain in a plastic, battery-driven form offering up to 80 miles on one charge from the mains. But drivers would have to abandon their preconceptions of what a car should feel like. The El-Jet is strictly an A to B vehicle.

As an 8ft-long two-seater, the El-Jet will squeeze into the tighest parking spots. There is no exhaust pollution — power comes from batteries, under the passenger seats and bonnet, which can be charged overnight. It is probably the first electric car to have passed all European crash safety tests, a reassuring fact but one that carries little weight as you look from the tiny plastic cockpit of the El-Jet into the looming wheels of a double-decker bus. Running costs are low. John Dance, of CCSI-Kewet, which is importing the car, reckons that plugging in for a four-hour night charge on the Economy 7 tariff means that driving 30 miles a day over three years will cost just 8p a mile. Controls are simple: a forward and reverse switch coupled to a throttle and brake. But a lot of power is used on lights.

The ride is so rough that this is not a car to drive for pleasure. There may be a place for the El-Jet, but the car is of little use to the driver who needs flexibility of distance and speed.

● *Kewet El-Jet: £10,422; engine 7.5-kilowatt electric motor driven from four 192amp lead-acid batteries; top speed governed to 50mph, maximum range 80 miles, although 40 to 50 miles in normal driving more likely. CCSI-Kewet UK is at Finlandia House, 20 Spanton Crescent, Hythe, Kent CT21 4SF.*

Bring jams to book

WHEN motorway jams seem never-ending, as they will this holiday weekend, help could be at hand from a new book published by the AA this week. *The idea is to* guide drivers off motorways and onto convenient side-roads once the traffic snarl becomes too much.

The AA says that high-mileage drivers waste hours in jams when they could be making progress on suitable A-roads. The book, *Avoid Motorway Hold-Ups*, costs £9.99.

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Patrolman Ansell stood in the middle of the M3 with a flashlight to stop traffic running into an accident. Patrolman Green rescued an 80-year-old woman from her burning bungalow.

UK power

WHILE economic gloom hits continental manufacturers, UK car makers are still going strong. Latest Society of Motor Manufacturers figures show British car production up by 4.03 per cent to 113,286 in April and exports rising by 11.93 per cent to more than 49,000.

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Spain at last enjoys rightful reward for huge contribution to the cause of European golf

Valderrama takes early lead in Ryder Cup race



John Hopkins assesses the main courses that are all fighting to stage the 1997 match

THE Ryder Cup committee will today announce that Spain will be the venue for the 1997 match between Europe and the United States. Ireland has been passed over — its chance may come in 2001 — in favour of the country whose players have made such an enormous contribution to Europe's golfing cause in the last decade or more.

Everyone in Spain is laying claim to the Ryder Cup, including the Ministry of Tourism, the city of Madrid, several regional governments and, at the best count, ten clubs dotted through the middle and south of the country. The rivalry between three courses in Madrid is matched only by the rivalry between the capital and the three serious candidates elsewhere to the south in Spain.

Madrid is said to be keen on staging it, but has few courses and they are heavily overused. Traffic in Madrid can be a nightmare, too. Other parts of the country need the boost to tourism a Ryder Cup would bring, but could they guarantee the spectators?

Who will get it? The leading candidate is Valderrama, the luxurious club on the Sotogrande estate east of Gibraltar, which has staged the Volvo Masters for the past five years. It announced its bid with a stylish presentation at Claridge's in London 13 months ago. Nine other venues are said to be thinking of making, or actively preparing, a bid.

This is causing some concern. The Ryder Cup committee would prefer the Spanish Golf Federation to vet each candidate and then announce its endorsement for one. "We can't be seen to favour one club over another," Emma Villacieros, the president of the Spanish Federation, said last week. She also said the Federation insisted on the quality of the courses that apply, that they should have four good closing holes and that the most benefit to Spain would occur if the Ryder Cup was held in a tourist area.

To stage the Ryder Cup these days it is not sufficient to have 18 holes of golf, a clubhouse and space for a tented village, important though these requirements are. Access and egress, accommodation for thousands, and proximity to airports are other yardsticks by which a modern venue is judged.

The past five contests between Europe and the United States have been very close — only five points separates the two teams after 140 matches. Most matches, therefore, go right down to the last couple of holes, which means these holes should ideally be as much a test of courage as of skill.

In this regard the 17th at Kiawah Island, a long par three that requires a 200-yard carry over water, and the 474-yard 18th at The Belfry, where water comes into play from the tee and for the second shot, are ideal matchplay holes.

At The Belfry this autumn 20,000 spectators are expected and a further 7,000 guests, officials etc. Therefore with a possible 27,000 people trying to watch one match movement of same becomes important. Room between holes, at the backs of greens, down the sides of fairways is essential.



Ballesteros: cagey

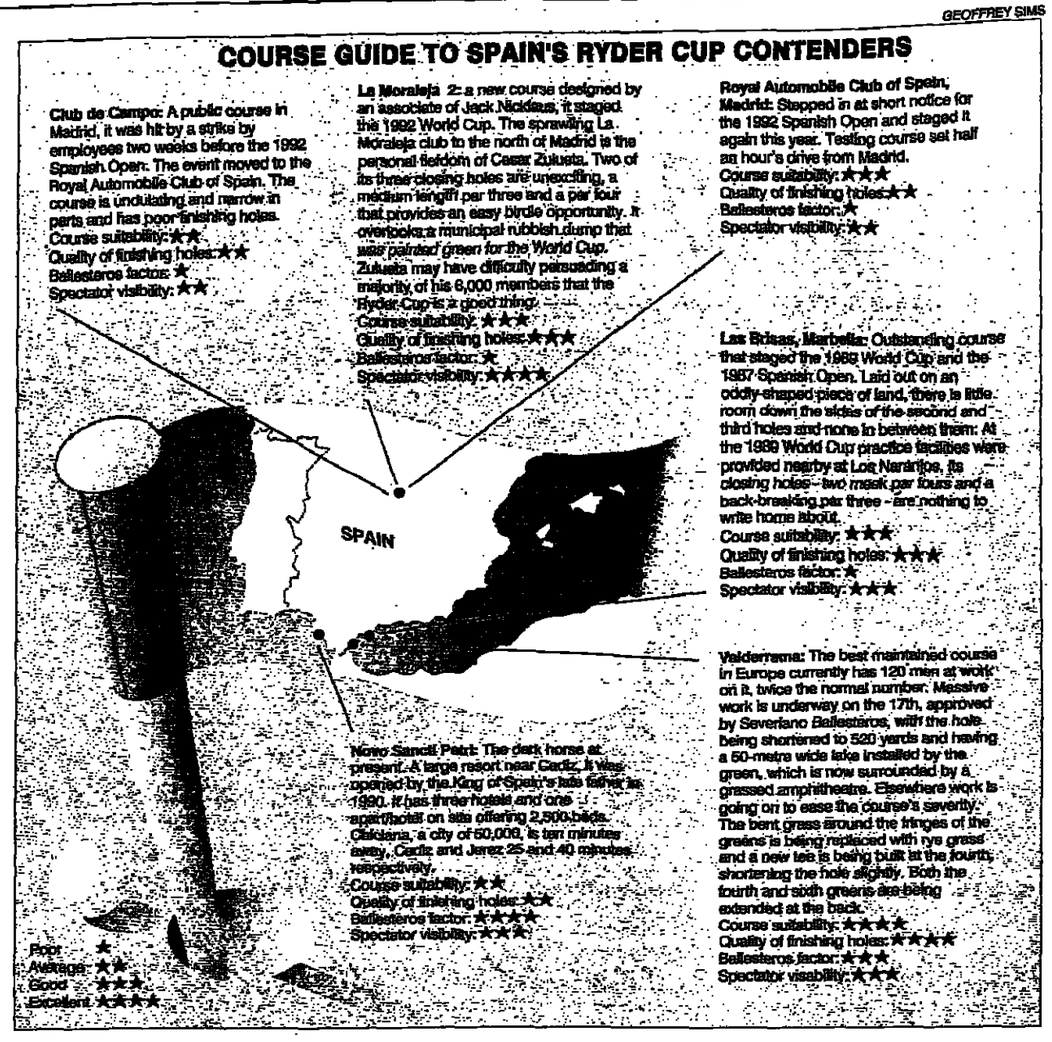
In the end, the single most important factor will not be the backing of the President of Andalucia, which Valderrama has, nor the support of the town hall in Madrid, which is keen to stage the event in the Spanish capital. It will be the view of Severiano Ballesteros, who may be the captain in 1997. An official of the European Tour said recently: "Whichever venue he wants, he will get."

At one time this would have been simple. Ballesteros and his company, Amen Corner, intended to design and build a course at Galapagar in Madrid, which was intended to be good enough to stage the match. As such, it would presumably have been rubber-stamped by the Ryder Cup committee. It ran into planning permission difficulties, however, and was formally abandoned earlier this month.

In Madrid Ballesteros was cagey, saying he did not want to talk about the Ryder Cup just yet. Ballesteros is financially involved with Novo Sancti Petri, near Cadiz, where he designed the course. If the president, Salvador Moll, decides to make a bid, he will do so only if he is assured of Ballesteros's backing. At present, however, Ballesteros declines to commit himself to this venture.

The truth is that there are few venues that can meet all the requirements and three candidates — Santa Ponsa in Majorca, the Ibiza Golf Club and La Dehesa in Madrid — can be discounted immediately as publicity seekers, while Golf Emporda, on the Costa Brava, has stronger claims, but is an almost unknown quantity.

GEOFFREY SIMS



McGimpsey overcomes distractions

BY PATRICIA DAVIES

GARTH McGimpsey, a man straining every sinew to win a second Amateur Championship and a Walker Cup place later this year, holed a tricky six-foot putt for a half in four at the first hole of his match against Matt Stanford in the second round of the Amateur at Royal Portrush yesterday.

Stanford, an England international and a member of last year's Eisenhower Trophy team, is not the sort of opponent you would choose for yourself so early on, but as McGimpsey was leaving the green, girding himself for a battle royal in the breezy, dampish conditions, a chirpy little figure approached.

"Could we have a few words, please, Garth?" said the interloper, who, being something of a star of the small screen in these parts, was attached to a camera crew. McGimpsey's co-operation was not forthcoming and the personality retreated peeved.

Stanford showed a rather better grasp of the circumstances. "I presume your second word was 'off'," he said.

McGimpsey, 37, was born in Bangor (co. Down) but loves Portrush and is an honorary member. He has won one Irish championship and four North of Ireland titles here.

"I know every bounce," he said. That local knowledge was to prove too much for Stanford. Three down playing the 9th, he lost the next two holes to birdie fours and eventually conceded the 11th, where McGimpsey had put his tee shot to six feet. It was all over by the 12th and both men seemed slightly bemused by the ease of it all.

Padraig Harrington, who was on the last Walker Cup team, was another Irishman to win comfortably, beating Peter Alabaster 6 and 5. Six birdies in ten holes shattered Alabaster and Harrington, a confident 21-year-old, now faces Fredrik Jacobson, of Sweden.

The Swede, sartorially eyecatching in a yellow jumper liberally dolloped with blue, and a maroon baseball cap worn backwards, recovered from one down after 12 holes to dispose of Raife Hutt, the third qualifier and an England international, 2 and 1. Hutt holed from 18 feet for his par four at the 13th after overshooting the green by some way, but Jacobson holed from 15 feet for his three to square matters. He went ahead with a par three at the next, the infamous Calamity Corner, when Hutt had to clamber to the bottom of the chasm on the right of the green to play his second shot, and there proved no way back for the Englishman.

Bradley Dredge, the beaten finalist last year, had less trouble than he might have expected against Stuart Paul, a big-hitting youngster from Tandragee, who contributed to his own demise by missing a couple of short putts.

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Confident Faldo seeks record fifth PGA title

BY JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

MOST golfers would give anything to play golf like Nick Faldo, the world No 1. Faldo, however, would like nothing more than to be like someone else. Someone shorter; someone of, say, average height.

As he completed his preparation for the Volvo PGA championship, which begins at Wentworth today, Faldo returned to a theme he had first addressed in Madrid two weeks ago.

The theme is this. He may look terrific, a fashion plate on and off the course. He may swing the club beautifully, a model to other players. And his scoring, week in and week out, is the acme of consistency. But it would all be much easier, he says, if he were 5ft 10in instead of 6ft 3in.

Faldo's problem is both distance from the tee and height on it. If he were not so tall, he would not have to bend his knees so much. He would then be able to keep them more under control and he would hit the ball even more consistently than he does now.

"Height is bad news for a golfer," Faldo said. "I have to quieten my legs down, keep my knees further apart. If I don't do this, I get stuck on the downswing. I get all jammed up and I lose length."

Go to the practice ground at Wentworth and you will see what Faldo does to counteract this weakness. He might put a beach ball between his knees as he swings the club. If he does not do this, then his caddie, Fanny Sunesson, who is crouching behind him, might hold a club against the outside of his right knee. As he swings his club back, she presses her club inwards and Faldo tries to force it outwards with his knee. "It's known as reverse pressure" Faldo said.

You might think from all this that, as Faldo begins his fifth event on the European Tour this year, he is worried. But they are nothing more than fairly faint daubs on the broad canvas that is Faldo's swing. In reality, he feels good after a week off, is swinging well, has a good putting rhythm. He thinks the West course at this famous club is in excellent condition and very long after recent rain.



Faldo: feeling good

Faldo went fishing earlier in the week, catching ten trout in the River Test. Yesterday, after practice, he selected his half-dozen favourite songs for a BBC Radio programme called *Sporting Albums*, which is due to be transmitted on the eve of the Open.

What were they? Without giving too much away, "Don't Let The Sun Go Down" by Elton John was one because it reminded the Open champion of when he was a keen teenage golfer in Welwyn Garden City and there were not enough daylight hours for him to spend on the golf course.

Another choice — "How Am I Supposed To Live Without You", by Michael Bolton — reminded him of his first US Masters win.

In sum, Faldo is in good heart and, when that happens and he is playing on a good and testing course, the rest of the field, Bernhard Langer, the reigning US Masters champion and world No 2, included, had better watch out.

Faldo has won this venerable event four times already. It would be a brave man who would bet against him winning again.

Not only would it be a record fifth victory but he would become the first man to win in three decades — the Seventies, Eighties and Nineties.

Baddeley highlights need for funding

STEVE Baddeley, once billed as a future England badminton manager, has enjoyed success as coach to the Switzerland team this week, which highlights the predicament of England in the world championships, sponsored by 7-Up, at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham (Richard Eaton writes).

Baddeley, who retired as European champion three years ago, has guided the Swiss to three victories and to promotion from division seven of the Sudirman Cup world team championship, while England has looked increasingly like candidates for relegation from division one.

After achieving a record number of England caps, Baddeley moved to Lausanne this season after two years as national director of coaching and development in Scotland.

It is financial backing that enables Baddeley to do his job. Ciro Ciniglio, the England manager, for so long Baddeley's mentor, performs his role on a two-day-a-week basis, in conjunction with managing Wimbledon Squash and Badminton Club.

"Badminton, and other sports, will not prosper in this country until government is prepared to put more funds into it," Ciniglio said.

His team yesterday were still without Darren Hall, the only Englishman apart from Baddeley to win a European men's singles title. Ciniglio still hopes to have him for the probable relegation decider tomorrow with Sweden, but meanwhile he placed his faith against Indonesia in Anders Nielsen, last year's national champion. Nielsen thus found himself against the most feared singles player in the game, Heryanto Arbi, who won at the All-England championships at Wembley in March.

In the absence of Rexy Mainaky, the top-ranked men's doubles player, who is said to be suffering from typhoid in Jakarta, the latest Indonesian doubles combination is Ricky Subagja and Rudy Gunawan. The final verdict on Mainaky's team-mate, Bambang Suprianto, who has been kept in isolation in Dudley Road hospital with similar symptoms, will be known today. He is said to have improved and may have only severe gastro-enteritis.

Mansell keeps his cool in car crazy city

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN INDIANAPOLIS

NIGEL Mansell arrived in downtown Indianapolis yesterday in a taxi trailing a black-and-white chequered ribbon, sauntered into his hotel lobby beneath a myriad of competing sponsors' logos, passed a replica of his famous Red 5 car and pronounced himself unaffected by the increasingly frenetic preparations for the "greatest race on earth".

The city, predictably, is going 500 crazy. The supporters are flooding in, the hotels are booked solid and the drivers are locked in a never-ending round of interviews. But Mansell is staying cool.

Fresh off his private jet from his home in Clearwater, Florida, he cut a different figure to the forlorn, limping man who dragged himself to Long Beach, California, for the last IndyCar race in the aftermath of his crash during practice in Phoenix at the start of April.

There is a spring in his step now and a ring of truth to his earnest exhortations that he is not growing tense about the race on Sunday — the showpiece of the IndyCar series and one of the main reasons he was tempted to defect from Formula One to the new Newman-Haas team at the end of last season.

"It's the most mega race there is in the world and I can't believe how relaxed I am," he said. "I have switched off so much that I have not really thought about the race.

"I'm saving my energy for the weekend, just having a good time and having a laugh. I've been concentrating on getting fit after my back operation and I have gone through several pain barriers to achieve that."

Mansell will start the 200-lap race around the 2.5-mile oval, which is flanked by long rows of majestic grandstands, on the third row of the grid in his Newman-Haas Lola Ford. His qualifying and practice opportunities were limited by his recuperation from his operation. He has never raced on an oval before and attempts to become the first English winner since Graham Hill in 1966.

"This is not just an oval race, it is the oval race," he said. "Of course, there is a little bit of apprehension but I'm just thrilled to be on the grid at all after what I have been through.

"It is going to be pretty daunting going into the first corner, never having been in a situation where there could be three cars abreast before, going at race speeds I have never experienced before and for far longer than I have ever raced.

"I want to make a good start," he said. "I want to stay out of trouble for three or four hundred miles, nurse the car and then go hell for leather in the final 100 miles and see what happens. If I can finish and score points, I will be happy."

At least Mansell has the chance to finish, an opportunity denied the reigning IndyCar world series champion, Bobby Rahal. He failed to qualify, temporarily ending his project to develop an American chassis to rival the British-built Lolas.

"We nicknamed one of our cars Christine after the one in the Stephen King horror story," he said. "Every time I got in it, I discovered a new personality."

LEADING QUALIFIERS: Row 1: 1, A Luyendyk, (Holl), Lola-Ford Cosworth, 223.967mph; 2, M Andretti (US), Lola-Ford Cosworth, 223.414; 3, R Boesel (Br), Lola-Ford Cosworth, 222.379. Row 2: 4, S Goodyear (Can), Lola-Ford Cosworth, 222.344; 5, A Unser Jr (US), Lola-Chevy C, 221.773; 6, S Johansson (Swe), Penske-Chevy C, 220.824. Row 3: 7, P Tracy (Can), Penske-Chevy C, 220.298; 8, N Mansell (GB), Lola-Ford Cosworth, 220.255; 9, E Fittipaldi (Br), Penske-Chevy C, 220.150. Row 4: 10, R Guerrero (US), Lola-Chevy C, 219.645; 11, S Brayton (US), Lola-Ford Cosworth, 219.637; 12, D Sullivan (US), Lola-Chevy C, 219.428. Row 5: 13, N Piquet (Br), Lola-Menard, 217.943; 14, K Cogan (US), Lola-Chevy C, 217.238; 15, S Gregoire (Fr), Lola-Buick, 220.851. Other British: Row 11: 31, J Crawford, Lola-Chevy C, 217.612

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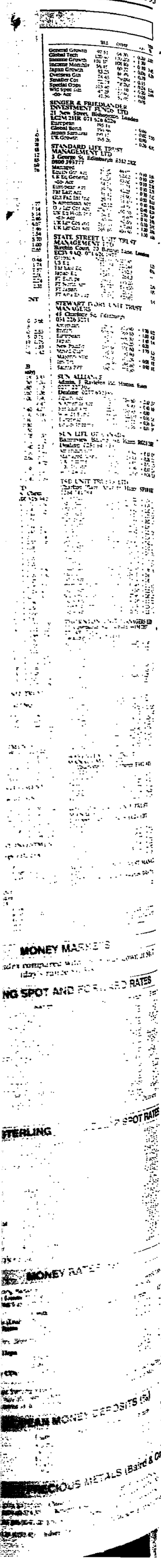
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England call up three new players

By Nicholas Harling

MATTHEW Cunningham, the 6ft 5in forward who shot Kingston to prominence in the European Champions' Cup two years ago, is the most surprising choice in the England basketball squad that flies out to Poland today for the Additional Nations' tournament in the European championships.

Three uncapped players are in Kevin Cadle's squad of 12 that must finish in the first five in Wroclaw to qualify for the finals in Munich, but it is the inclusion of Cunningham, aged 20, that has raised most eyebrows.

Not long after he had shot the last-second winning three-pointer for Kingston against Aris Salonika that provoked a near-riot among Greek supporters at Crystal Palace, Cunningham embarked to the United States for a college career. But he was not forgotten by Cadle, then Kingston's coach, whose club has since moved down the A3 to Guildford, where he divides his duties with the national team.

It is to his own Guildford club that Cadle has also looked for another addition to the national squad in Adrian Cummings. The high-leaping forward watched the last of England's warm-up matches against the American students from Purdue University at the weekend, but it was only after the game that he found that his international career was under way.

Like Cummings and Cunningham, Mark Constadine did not figure in any of England's preparations, but the former Leicester forward has suddenly become an invaluable part of Cadle's plans.

At 6ft 11in, Constadine, who is now with Ghent in the Belgian second division, brings much much-needed height to the England team, which has lost the 6ft 10in Martin Henlan to an ankle operation. England meet Ukraine on Sunday, Bosnia on Monday and Slovakia on Tuesday.

ENGLAND SQUAD: R Baker (London), M Hubbard, C Irish, A Cunningham (all Worthing), K Brown, A Cummings, T Gordon (all Guildford), S Darlow (Ware), S Bucknall (Villeurbanne, Fr), T King (Eastern Michigan University, US), M Constadine (Ghent, Bel), M Cunningham (Unattached).

Engrossed in the Whitehouse experience

Leaving my car in the designated parking area, I entered the venue at fastish speed, nodded to the woman in the press tent, slowed down, tacked to the left, stopped. I thought I had done that pretty well.

At a controlled pace I described a 20m diameter circle, half-passed to the right and came to a halt before taking five backward paces and trotting on to do a rather tighter half-circle. Then I changed legs and went into an extended walk — realising that I would have to work on this. I speeded up again, circled left then right, went slower and came down the central line at a walk, stopped, saluted.



Eyes for detail: Dressage judges maintain a watchful presence at the Windsor Horse Trials in Windsor Great Park yesterday



FREUD ON FRIDAY

I am convinced that if I had been on a horse and worn a tailcoat and top hat, I would have gone into the subsequent stages of the three-day event in good shape.

It was the first day of the Brittany Ferries Windsor International Horse Trials. Dressage is an eventers' event: eight minutes of showing to the judges the horse's physical and mental development coupled with the rider's ability to obtain from his mount a smooth response to commands and the achievement of balanced harmony.

A rider who is thrown off the horse, then sets about it with a whip, is likely to be awarded a low score, especially in the "submission — acceptance of the bridle" section. Nor would this be helpful to doing well in "position — seat of the rider".

Three judges sit, or are believed to be sitting, in small glass-fronted garden huts such as used to be advertised on the back page of the old *Radio Times*. At the far side of the dressage area is an altogether larger caravan in which lady volunteers collate the judges' scores and translate them into faults via a logarithm table.

The Windsor Horse Trials is the event at which inexperienced horses are introduced to the sport. The greats are there with the mounts that they might ride in Atlanta in 1996; the aspiring riders come to rub shoulders with the stars; and people who live in Berkshire, drive Land-Rovers and Range Rovers, wear rat catchers' caps, Barbour coats and green wellies and have lurchers at the end of their leashes make this an annual rendezvous.

In the modern pentathlon, competitors shoot, which requires rigidity, and fence, which demands fluidity; they run and swim, sports that are mutually exclusive, and then ride, subjecting their A personas to the will of a horse.

Three-day eventing is not dissimilar. Many horses are intelligently obedient and reactive to the rider's instructions; some horses love nothing better than an extended high-speed, cross-country obstacle course while there are a few who shine at the demandingly precise skill of showjumping.

An eventer has to perform each discipline while the rider assumes, in turn, the characters of Mrs Whitehouse, Dick Turpin and Pythagoras.

Whitehouse day is dull sport unless you are immensely knowledgable, have an elevated seat and brought a hip flask. Of the household names who performed, I admired Mr Ian Stark, whose top hat was shorter than that worn by Mr Bruce Davidson.

Mr Mark Todd, a double Olympic gold medal winner, is a New Zealander who now lives near Newbury and has an elegant manner with interviewers. He was riding a one-eyed horse called General Knowledge, which he declared had won group races on the Flat in Ireland, the Breeders' Cup Chase in the United States and the after-dinner speakers award of the Toastmasters Association of Great Britain. "Are you sure?" asked a girl with a large notebook. Todd said he was not sure but was going to find out for certain.

What he did know was the horse was a pleasure and a challenge to ride, jumped soundly and did not seem inconvenienced by his handicap.

Todd looked at a speckled palomino that was ridden past and called "I like the colour" to the rider, who beamed; on inspection, the horse looked as if it was suffering from terminal dandruff. I asked Todd how many points he had got for his dressage round. He replied that he had not yet looked at the scoresheet ... "It is all very academic. I mean, the score is not going to change if I look at it in half an hour."

Tomorrow, when the cross country takes place, Windsor Great Park will be a joyous location with scores of opportunities to buy country clothes, home-made fudge, horse brasses, trade magazines and bacon sandwiches. One will also be able to take home Brittany Ferries' timetables and consider crossing from Plymouth to Santander on a boat that has a gymnasium and a swimming pool.

Sunday is showjumping day and the overall winner of the international class will be awarded the first prize ... a cheque for £1,000.

Thomson lines up fourth success

By Jenny MacArthur

MARY Thomson has a fourth win in her sights after taking the lead on the seven-year-old King Basil at the end of the first day of dressage at the Brittany Ferries Windsor International Horse Trials.

Thomson, who won the event in 1987, 1989 and 1992 — all on different horses — was 2.8 points ahead of Peder Fredericsson, the Swedish Olympic rider, on Soldier Mic. Ian Stark, who flew down to Windsor on Wednesday night after riding four novice horses at the Floors Castle trials, is in third place on Dear Hardy.

Windsor is Thomson's third successive three-day event. Her disappointing 20th place at Badminton with King William, her Olympic horse, was followed by second place on Star Appeal at Punchestown last weekend.

Windsor is King Basil's first three-day event. He was bought as a five-year-old from Michael and Sheila Watson in Devon. Though still immature, his naturally good paces earned him high marks in yesterday's test.

He and Thomson will be difficult to dislodge in tomorrow's cross-country. King Basil (by National Trust) has won two one-day horse trials this season and Thomson describes him as a "careful and neat" jumper.

Stark is hoping that his nine-year-old Dear Hardy, owned by Jenny Fountain, will show similar characteristics tomorrow. Mistakes at Blair Castle last year and at Cornbury Park this spring have made him wary about taking all the quick routes.

Bruce Davidson, of the United States, the dual world champion, who is competing at Windsor for the first time, is in joint-fourth place on Squelch.

Mark Todd, the dual Olympic champion, is in eleventh on the one-eyed General Knowledge. "He's very laid-back but has a huge jump — if he had two eyes I would certainly be taking him to Badminton," Todd said.

RESULTS: International class: 1, King Basil (M Thomson, GB), 51.2; 2, Soldier Mic (P Fredericsson, Swe), 54.0; 3, Dear Hardy (I Stark, GB), 54.8. National section: 1, Aston Minstrel (S Edwards), 53.4; 2, Bramley (L Barnett), 54.2; 3, Irish Stamp (P Rigby) 55.4.

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN CUP: Final: AC Milan 0, Marseilles 1 (in Munich).

WORLD CUP: Qualifying round: Asian zone: First round: Group A: Iraq 8, Yemen 1.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Albacete 4, Atletico Bilbao 5.

MISSION VIEJO, California: International friendly: United States 0, Peru 0.

LIBERTADORES CUP: Final: Second leg: Universidad Catolica (Chile) 2, São Paulo (Br) 0 (agg: 3-5).

ATHLETICS

TEL AVIV: Israel v Scotland v Wales v Turkey: First Day: Winners: Men: 100m: C Jackson (Wales) 10.39. 400m: G Davies (Wales) 47.39. 1500m: G Stewart (Scot) 3.51.58. 400m hurdles: A Basarov (Isr) 51.68. 3000m Steeplechase: J Chaston (Wales) 8.39.70. 10,000m walk: V Ostrowsky (Isr) 41.51.40. High jump: G Parsons (Scot) 2.19m. Long jump: M Mellson (Isr) 7.89m. Shot: I Asmunian (Isr) 18.68m. Hammer: I Giller (Isr) 63.00m. 4x100m relay: Wales 40.44. Result: 1, Israel 37pts; 2, Wales 34; 3, Scotland 29; 4, Turkey 15.

Women: 100m: S Short (Wales) 11.65. 400m: G Archard (Wales) 54.65. 1500m: E Lankri (Isr) 4.21.47. 400m hurdles: C White (Wales) 59.86. Long jump: F Yukh (Tur) 6.23m. Discus: C Kaslin (Tur) 50.80. Javelin: A Tas (Tur) 55.14m. 4x100m relay: Wales 46.00. Result: 1, Wales 26; 2, Scotland and Turkey, 23; 4, Israel 14.

BADMINTON

BIRMINGHAM: World mixed team championship: Group 1A: South Korea 4, China, 1. Group 1B: Indonesia 3, Denmark 2. Group 2: Holland 2, Thailand 3; Ukraine 5, Pakistan 0. Group 3: Canada 5, Scotland 0 (Scottish names first: A Gibson lost to D Julien, 1-11, 4-11; J Meller lost to J Dawson, 13-18, 7-15; J Allen and A Travers lost to S Deng and Julien, 5-15, 10-15; R Hogg and K Middlemiss lost to M Bitten and B Blanshard, 5-15, 9-15; G Haldane and Travers lost to A Kaul and Deng, 4-15, 13-15); Russia 4, Australia 1. Group 4: N Zealand 3, Hong Kong 2; Germany 3, India 2. Group 5: Finland 1, Austria 4; Poland 1, Norway 4. Group 7: Switzerland 3, Wales 2 (Welsh names first: K Morgan lost to B Villars, 9-12, 7-11; G Lewis lost to T Wapp, 12-15, 11-15; R Phipps and Morgan lost to S Albrecht and F Camel, 18-17, 14-17, 6-15; C Rees and Phipps beat J Rodriguez and Albrecht, 9-15, 17-16, 16-13; Rees and D Tonks bt Wapp and C Nyffenegger, 15-5, 18-14). Bulgaria 3, France 2. France 1, Wales 4 (Welsh names first: C Rees and R Phipps bt M Dubrulle and V Delvinst, 17-16, 15-10; K Morgan lost to S Dimbour, 4-11, 8-11; G Lewis bt E Thobois, 18-14, 15-7; Rees and D Tonks bt J Masslas and C Jeanjean, 15-10, 15-6; Phipps and Morgan bt Dimbour and S Lefevre, 0-15, 15-0, 17-15, Bulgaria 1 Switzerland 4. Group 8: Hungary 0, Kazakhstan 5; Pakistan 1, Hungary 4; Kazakhstan 5, Belgium 0. Group 9: Slovenia 3, Israel 2; Cyprus 3, Malta 2.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Cubs 4, San Francisco Giants 2; Cincinnati Reds 4, Atlanta Braves 0; Montreal Expos 6, St Louis Cardinals 0; New York Mets 5, Philadelphia Phillies 4; Florida Marlins 5, Pittsburgh Pirates 4; Colorado Rockies 3, Houston Astros 2; Los Angeles Dodgers 8, San Diego Padres 3.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit Tigers 4, Boston Red Sox 2; Minnesota Twins 12, Oakland Athletics 11; Cleveland Indians 7, Texas Rangers 6; Baltimore Orioles 8, New York Yankees 2; Milwaukee Brewers 8, Toronto Blue Jays 1; Kansas City Royals 4, Chicago White Sox 3; Seattle Mariners 2, California Angels 0.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-off: Western Conference finals: Seattle 103, Phoenix 99 (best-of-seven series tied 1-1).

CRICKET

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Rochester Clergy 142-7 dec, Bethany 144-3; Lancing 213-4 (A Pearce 141 not out), Sussex Martlets 211-7; MCC 187-5, St Edmund's, Ware 66; Forty Club 117, Bishop's Stortford 123-1.

CYCLING

TERME LUIGIANE: Tour of Italy: Fifth stage: 1, D Konyshev (Russ) 5hr 39min 53sec; 2, S Della Santa (It) at 2sec; 3, F Giupponi (It) at 3sec; 4, M Fondriest (It) same time, 5, L Lebianc (Fr) at 4sec, 6, G Furlan (It), 7, A Baffi (It), 8, M Lelli (It), 9, G Bugno (It), 10, M Indurain (Sp) 11, M Saligari (It), 12, M Argentin (It), 13, C Chiappucci (It), 14, M Pantani (It), 15, W Bell (It), 16, F Casagrande (It), 17, L Gelli (It), 18, E Zaina (It), 19, F Roscioli (It), 20, P Ugrumov (Lat) all at same time.

Overall positions: 1, M Argentin (It) 22hr 30min 37sec; 2, P Ugrumov (Lat) at 28sec; 3, M Fondriest (It) 35; 4, M Indurain (Sp) 38, 5, M Saligari 41, 6, L Lebianc (Fr) 42, 7, G Bugno 42, 8, E Zaina 44, 9, D Konyshev (Russ) 46, 10, C Chiappucci 47; 11, L Gelli 50, 12, S Della Santa 51, 13, M Lelli 54, 14, F Casagrande 54, 15, S Roche (Ireland) 55, 16, A de las Cuevas (Fr) 1:02, 17, Z Jaskula (Pol) 1:05, 18, F Chiocciolli 1:05, 19, P Botarelli 1:07, 20, R Conti 1:08.

MORGANTOWN, West Virginia: Kmart Classic race: Second stage: (160km): Elkins Mountain Road Race: 1, L Armstrong (US), 4hr 9min 56sec; 2, M Engleman (US), 4:08:58; 3, B Walton (Can), 4:08:09. GB placing: 7, M Elliott, 4:10:52. Overall Standings: 1, Armstrong, 4:09:34; 2, Engleman, 4:09:48; 3, Walton, 4:11:39. GB placing: 5, Elliott, 4:11:48.

HOCKEY

CAPE TOWN: Test match: South Africa 1, India 0.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: British Columbia XV 11, England 28.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Long Eaton 61, Sheffield 29. Postponed: First division: Ipswich v Poole. Second division: Sheffield v Swindon.

SQUASH

HONG KONG: Women's open: M Martin (Aus) bt K Kelso (US), 9-0, 9-2, 9-4; S Wright (Eng) bt R O'Callaghan (Ire), 8-10, 7-9, 10-9, 10-8, 9-3; C Jackman (Eng) bt S Bradley (Aus), 9-0, 9-4, 9-5; S Horner (Eng) bt F Geeves (Eng), 9-5, 9-3, 2-9, 9-3; C Owens (Aus) bt S Fitz-Gerald (Aus), 9-7, 9-7, 5-9, 9-5; L Irving (Aus) bt R Macree (Eng), 9-2, 9-5, 6-1; H Wallace (Can) bt C Nitch (SA), 7-9, 9-5, 9-5, 9-6; M La Molgnan (Eng) bt D Drady (Aus), 9-6, 9-5, 6-9, 9-1.

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates: Abu Dhabi Open: Quarter-final: R Norman (NZ) bt M Ventogen (Holl), 15-5, 15-5, 17-15; M Carlyon (Aus) bt F Khan (HK), 15-7, 11-15, 15-13, 17-15; M Cairns (Eng) bt J Ransome (Eng), 15-9, 15-13, 15-4; Zarak Khan (Pak) bt D Webb (Eng), 15-7, 10-15, 7-15, 17-15, 15-5.

GOLF

AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP: Royal Portrush, Dunluce, Northern Ireland: First round: G Redford (Dun Ochil) bt N Van Hoosgem (Bel), 3 and 2; P Purdy (Shandon Park) bt D Young (Bristol & Clifton), 5 and 3; R Russell (Longridddy) bt G Hutcheon (Banchory), 2 and 1. Second round: C R Wesson (East Renfrewshire) bt N Ludwell (Selby), 3 and 2; M L Welch (Hill Valley) bt G McAlpine (Royal Portrush), 2 and 1; M Lundberg (Swe) bt R A Hutton (Ardglass), 4 and 2; J Flanagan (Millbown) bt G Harris (Broome Manor), 3 and 2; M J Watson (Weymouth) bt A Ralt (Richmond), 20th; R Bland (Bramshott Hill) bt J Fitzgerald (Co Louth), 4 and 3; I Pyman (Sand Moor) bt D Baker (Downpatrick), 22nd; D Haines (Burnham and Barrow) bt G Hey (Downfield), 6 and 4; C Cewser (Fr) bt K Eklord (Nor), 3 and 1; B Cattler (Callander) bt G Hotson (Sheeford), 4 and 3; O Rotjehn (Nor) bt R Heasley (Lisburn), 2 holes; N Anderson (Shandon Park) bt C Watts (Hawkstone Park), 2 and 1; V Phillips (Stoke Poges) bt M McEwen (Monifieth), 19th; M Pullan (Sand Moor) bt B Wann (Nairn), 3 and 2; A Reid (Kilmarnock Barassie) bt R Walker (Weetwood), 6 and 5; B Dredge (Bryn Meadows) bt S Paul (Tandragee), 3 and 2; F Jacobson (Swe) bt R Hutt (Southport and Ainsdale), 2 and 1; P Harrington (Stackstown) bt P Aliabaster (Three Rivers), 6 and 5; L Westwood (Worksop) bt C Barrowman (Glasgow), 20th; G McGimpsey (Bangor) bt M Stanford (Saltford), 7 and 6; D Ross (Stoke Rochford) bt R Coles (Weetwood), 4 and 3; S Cage (Sand Moor) bt G Wolfe (US), 3 and 2; P Page (Dartford) bt N Goulding (Portmarnock), 4 and 3; D Fisher (Stoke Poges) bt V Smyth (Co Louth), 3 and 2; S Mackenzie (West Linton) bt M Urquhart (Inverness), 2 and 1; S Graham (Ham Manor) bt C Cowan (Elie), 2 holes; Purdy bt Redford, 2 and 1; Russell bt D Cameron (R Portrush), 5 and 4.

TENNIS

PARIS: French Open: Men's singles, first round: Second round: B Gilbert (US) bt D Prinosil (Ger), 6-1, 5-7, 6-2, 6-2; R Fromberg (Aus) bt A O'Brien (US) 6-2 6-1 6-2; C-U Steeb (Ger) bt M Visconti (It) 7-5 6-3 6-0, P Haarhuis (Holl) bt W Ferreira (SA) 4-6 6-3 6-0 7-6; M Woodforde (Aus) bt S Stewen (NZ) 6-2 6-7 6-4 3-6 6-1. S Kabpcher (Ger) bt M Cheng (US) 1-6 6-3 6-4 8-2; G Prpic (Cro) bt S Matsuoka (Japan) 6-3 6-3 2-6 6-3, D Postagno (US) bt J Hasek (Switz) 6-3 6-4 4-6 6-2, J Stark (US) bt H De La Pena (Arg) 7-6 3-6 7-5 7-6; S Edberg (Swe) bt A Krickstein (US) 6-3 6-1 5-7 7-5; M Washington (US) bt C Arriens (Ger) 7-6 (8-6) 6-4 6-0, M Larsson (Swe) bt J Oncins (Sp) 3-6 7-6 (7-3) 6-4 6-4, G Markus (Arg) bt B Wuyts (Bel) 6-1 2-6 6-2 6-4.

Men's doubles: T Nijssen (Holl) and C Suk (Cz) bt D Perez (Uru) and F Roig (Sp), 6-2, 7-6; M Kratzmann (Aus) and W Masur (Aus) bt P Nyborg (Swe) and T Svantesson (Swe), 6-3, 5-7, 6-2; S Stolle (Aus) and J Stoltenberg (Aus) lead S Edberg (Swe) and P Korda (Cz), 3-6, 6-4, 4-3 (bad light stopped play); K Flach and R Leach (US) bt M Briggs and T Kronemann (US) 6-4 6-4, M Oosting (Holl) and U Rigsewald (Ger) bt M Rush (Van) and K Thorne (US) 6-1 3-6 6-2, J Fitzgerald (Aus) and A Jarryd (Swe) bt H Holm (Swe) and B-O Pedersen (Nor) 6-1 6-2, V Flegl (Cz) and M Mortensen (Den) bt B Gerrett and T-J Middleton (US) 6-4 7-6, M Kelt and D Randall (US) bt M Koevermans and J Siemerink (Holl) 6-4 6-7 16-13; G Ivanisevic (Cro) and H Leconte (Fr) bt R Reneberg and D Wheaton (US) 6-4 6-7 8-6; T Kempers (Holl) and B Shelton (US) bt T Guardiola and L Roux (Fr) 6-3 6-2.

Women's singles: Second round: J Halard (Fr) bt M J Gaidano (Arg), 6-1, 6-4; J Wiesner (Austria) bt J Santrock (US), 6-1, 6-3; S Franki (Ger) bt Y Basuki (Indo) 6-2 6-1, K Maleeva (Bul) bt P Tarabini (Arg) 6-1 6-2, B Schultz bt M Oremans (Holl) 6-4 6-3, G Sabatini (Arg) bt K Quentrec (Fr) 6-3 6-3; R Niederer (SA) bt S Appelmans (Bel) 1-6 6-3 6-4, N Tauziat (Fr) bt K Boogart (Holl) 6-3 1-6 8-6; R Dragomir (Rom) bt K Date (Japan) 4-6 6-2 6-3; A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt N Sawamatsu (Japan) 6-0 6-0; N Zvereva (Russ) bt A Coetzer (SA) 6-2 7-6; M Maleeva-Fragniére (Switz) bt J Byrne (Aus) 6-3 6-2; M Fernandez (US) bt A Grossman (US) 6-3 3-6 6-1; P Paradis-Mangon (Fr) bt N Muns-Jagerman (Holl) 6-7 6-1 6-3.

Women's doubles: First round: A Grossman (US) and P Hy (Can) bt K Nagatsuka (Japan) and C Timmer (Fr), 6-4, 5-7, 6-0; E Pampoulova-Wagner (Bul) and V Ruano-Pascual (Sp) bt N Gilbert (Fr) and S Nlox-Chateau (Fr), 1-6, 7-5, 6-0; C Martinez (Sp) and A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt R Niederer (SA) and B Nagelsen (US), 6-3, 6-3; M-J Fernandez (US) and Z Garrison Jackson (US) lead J Byrne (Aus) and N Pratt (Aus), 4-6, 6-4, 4-4 (bad light stopped play); L Fernando (It) and P Langrova (Cz) bt J Hodder (Aus) and P Thonen (Fin) 6-3 6-2, P Shriver (US) and E Smylie (Aus) bt P Fendick and M McGrath (US) 6-3 7-6; C Barclay and K-A Guse (Aus) bt L Allen and A Henrickseon (US) 3-6 6-2 6-3; I Demongeot (Fr) and E Reinach (SA) bt L Ghirardi and S Sebas (Fr) 6-1 6-4, A Fusai and C Suire (Fr) bt K Radford (Aus) and E Svigierova (Cz) 6-4 6-3; R McQuillen (Aus) and C Porwik (Ger) bt M-Pierce (Fr) and A Smadova (Cz) 2-6 7-5 6-4, S Stafford (US) and A Temesvari (Hun) bt L Davenport and M Wardel (US) 5-7 7-5 6-4; J Emmons and G Helgeson (US) bt S Dopfer (Austria) and C Schmelzer (Ger) 6-0 4-6 6-2; K Hrbeaudova and R Zrubakova (Slo) bt E Burgin (US) and L Gildemeister (Peru) 6-1 6-2, K Adams (US) and M Bollegraf (Holl) bt R Hiraki and N Miyagi (Japan) 6-3 6-4, R Bobkova (Cz) and M Jose Gaidano (Arg) bt M Kiene (Holl) and P O'Reilly (US) 7-5 6-2; L McNeil (US) and R Stubbs (Aus) bt J Faull and A Woolcock (Aus) 6-2 7-5.

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Berlusconi and Milan learn that time waits for no man



Rijkaard: on the move



David Miller suspects that Marseilles' European Cup final victory may have ended an era rather than started one

There were two lessons from the European Cup final here on Wednesday. The first, that we must all grow old, as have AC Milan; the second, that Silvio Berlusconi cannot, any more than Alan Sugar at Tottenham Hotspur, run his team on the field from the boardroom.

"Jour de Gloire" sang the headline of *L'Equipe*, the French sports daily, yesterday. Yet therein lay shades of wishful thinking. It was a shame that the first *European Cup* victory by a team from France, the country that invented the competition, should not have been more truly a bench-mark. Nobody, however, begrudges Marseilles their 1-0 victory and their hour.

Except, of course, Milan. The banner of *Gazzetto dello Sport* yesterday morning was both sombre and true: "An Ageing Milan". This was a shadow of the team that consecutively defeated Steaua Bucharest and Benfica in the finals of 1989 and 1990; just as it was a shadow of the Internazionale team that had beaten Real Madrid and Benfica in 1964 and 1965 but then fell to Celtic in 1967.

Everyone applauded Celtic, inspired by Jock Stein, McNeill, Auld and Johnstone, but Celtic blew their second final in 1970. Most great teams have a span of no more than two or three years — for instance, Ajax and Bayern Munich — which is what made Real Madrid in the Fifties and, later, Liverpool, so unusual.

Looking at both teams here, amid a kaleidoscope of colour in the huge Olympic stadium, you sensed they may both be about to disintegrate. Rijkaard announced only hours beforehand his imminent departure, Gullit is all but finished and maybe van Basten, too. By the end, Baresi, that inestimable *libero*, was booting the ball into touch under pressure like some *Serie B* reserve. From Marseilles, the new champions, Völler, at 33, is heading for a Japanese retirement cheque, Sauzée is moving on to Atalanta in the Italian city of Bergamo and Pelé is rumoured to be following him.

Raymond Goethals, the Marseilles coach, was making his swansong at 72 and used his familiar 3-5-2 formation. Pelé had a free attacking role on the right of midfield, Sauzée and Deschamps formed the engine room, while Eydelie and Di Meco, both substandard, provided midfield width. Yet none of this would have been relevant had Milan taken their chances.

For 20 minutes or so, Marseilles were outplayed, the more so because Boli was playing so flat between Angloma and Desailly, the markers on van Basten and Massaro, that the Marseilles defence had no depth. Massaro could, and should, have scored from van Basten's acute cross in the seventh minute, his header flying wide across an inviting goal. It was Massaro again, more conspicuously than ever, who squandered open opportunities in the twentieth and thirtieth minutes. Milan had seen their moments come and go.

Pelé, little evident for 40 minutes, suddenly began to run at Milan's defence and was brought down from behind by Lentini, who was booked. Another run by Pelé, then a corner and Boli, falling away from goal among a crowd of heads at the moment of contact with Pelé's kick, was fortunate that the ball should glance beyond Rossi to turn a page of history.

The second half was not distinguished. Barthéz, the Marseilles goalkeeper, who had been time-wasting even in the first half, was rightfully booked. Marseilles were often playing deliberately to be caught offside, forcing Milan to take free kicks from way back in their own half. Rijkaard was now playing too deep to matter and the whole Milan team looked jaded. Papin could do little right — predictably — in the 35 minutes allowed him as a substitute.

Victory was less deserved than it would have been, say, for the splendid St Etienne team in 1976, beaten at Hampden Park in Bayern's third victory by a single goal. Yet what will Bernard Tapie, the owner of Marseilles, care? He has $17 million for Papin from Berlusconi, and the cup.

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N Zealand union resists calls for action on brawl

FROM DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT, IN WELLINGTON

STORMY Weather might have been the theme tune for the British Isles as they flew south yesterday. Literally, as they arrived at a wet and windy Wellington, and metaphorically, as the inquest continued into the brawl which marred their win over North Harbour on Wednesday.

That inquest is not entirely media-inspired, though it does not help when inappropriate comparisons are made — as New Zealand's leading newspaper did — with the infamous 1971 Lions match against Canterbury. Radio phone-in programmes were critical not so much of the Lions' part in what was an isolated outbreak, but of the absence of an authoritative statement from the New Zealand Rugby Football Union (NZRFU).

Rugby league enthusiasts have made hay, comparing rugby union's attitude with that of the league in Sydney, where video evidence is studied by the game's judiciary and a public pronouncement made.

There is no question of any further action being taken. The official view is that the referee, Alan Riley, dealt with the matter after consultation with his touch judge and that is the end of it.

Eddie Tonks, the chairman of the NZRFU council, has spoken to Geoff Cooke, the Lions manager, and to Peter Atkinson, chairman of North Harbour, to stress the union's concern over foul play and that such incidents could not be tolerated.

The chief protagonists, Dean Richards and Frank Bunce, emerged, respectively, with a swollen jaw and a gashed head requiring 12 stitches.

Bunce, the All Blacks centre, admitted what is a generally-held view in New Zealand, that if a player goes to ground offside he can expect to be raked out with the boot.

Richards, the target for considerable retribution from Bunce's colleagues, is a hard but fair player. "I don't go round kicking people's heads," he said.

Cooke described it as "an isolated flare-up in an otherwise hard and cleanly-fought game. We have reminded our players about their responsibilities and the need for discipline, but they know they can't back off anything. We just don't want to be the ones to start any trouble."

What is of concern to the Lions is that in their first match, against North Auckland, their play appeared to accord broadly speaking with the referee's views, whereas in the second it did not.



Richards: hard but fair

"Whatever the referees do, we have to get a full understanding on the field and try to conform," Cooke said. "They will be the sole arbiters and we have to adapt. We gave away a lot of penalties at the lineout that puzzled us. We may have to modify our technique."

The interpretation of the new law which governs joining the maul is also causing confusion, so the attitude adopted by Grant Lempriere, the Manawatu referee who will handle tomorrow's game against the New Zealand Maoris at Athletic Park here will be closely monitored.

For that game the Lions, who expect to welcome Richard Wallace, the Garryowen wing, to their ranks today, have mixed their combinations again.

After tomorrow they will have only one further opportunity to experiment before giving their likely international combination an outing against Otago on June 5.

Neither Richard Webster nor Mike Teague trained yesterday; one with strained ankle tendons, the other with a heavily bruised calf. Both are required against the Maoris, whose coach, Chas Ferris, emphasised the need yesterday for his team to give young Maoris role models worth imitating.

Most of his team shared in a 67-20 defeat of Manawatu on Tuesday, two of them played against the Lions on Wednesday, and six play again next Tuesday in the New Zealand trial. And they talk about pressure on players.

NEW ZEALAND MAORIS: S Doyle; E Rush, G Konia, R Ellison, A Prince; S Hirini, S Forster; G Hurunı, N Hewitt, K Borcevich, J Joseph, M Cooksley, J Coe, Z Brooke, A Pene (captain).
BRITISH ISLES: G Hastings (Watsonians, captain); I Evans (Llanelli), S Hastings (Watsonians), W Carling (Harlequins), R Underwood (Leicester); S Barnes (Bath), D Morris (Orrell); N Popplewell (Graystones), B Moore (Harlequins), P Wright (Boroughmuir), M Teague (Moseley), D Cronin (London Scottish), W Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers), R Webster (Swansea), B Clarke (Bath).
Referee: G Lempriere (Manawatu).

☐ Mike Rayer and Ian Jones, the only specialist full-backs on the Welsh tour of Southern Africa, both face fitness tests on damaged ankles before Wales name their team to meet Zimbabwe in the second international in Harare on Saturday.



Steering through troubled waters: Hastings, the British Isles captain, trains in New Zealand while a storm of controversy rages around his team

Adebayo offers stylish finish

British Columbia XV..... 11
England..... 26

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN VANCOUVER

TRIES from Steve Hackney, Mark Rennell and Adedayo Adebayo gave England a comfortable victory in the second match of their Canadian tour in the Thunderbird stadium, Vancouver, on Wednesday.

After conceding two early penalties, England took control. With their jumpers dominating the lineout and the back row in powerful form, England scored two tries in the first half — the first when Hackney, the right wing, finished off a back-row move midway through the half and the second when Rennell then took a return pass from Adebayo to score in the left-hand corner. Paul Grayson converted the second try and then added a penalty.

The tourists were comfortably in command after the interval and soon stretched their lead, Grayson kicking a second penalty following a late tackle on the full back, Alan Buzza. Then came England's best try of the match: Richard Langhorn and Alex Snow set up a perfect midfield position before slick handling sent Adebayo in. Grayson took his personal tally to 11 points with a third penalty, but England tired in the final quarter and a wayward pass by Langhorn gave the wing, MacKinnon, the chance to score in the right corner.

Mike Slemen, the England coach, said afterwards: "We executed our first phase well, but, after starting well, we got tired in the later part of the match. Some of our lads weren't fit." England have summoned a third replacement for the touring party. Stuart Potter, of Leicester, will replace the injured Bath centre, Phil De Glanville.

SCORERS: British Columbia President's XV: Try: MacKinnon. Penalty goals: Ross (2). England: Tries: Hackney, Rennell, Adebayo. Penalty goals: Grayson (3). Conversion: Grayson.
BRITISH COLUMBIA PRESIDENT'S XV: B Jordan; S MacKinnon, K Toews, R Toews, R Wheeldon; B Ross, I McKay (captain); K Wirachowski, J Benko, P Szabo, A Wilson, I Cooper, A Phillips, R Robson, M Schmid.
ENGLAND A: A Buzza (Wasps); S Hackney (Leicester), J Fletcher (Tynedale), G Childs (Wasps), A Adebayo (Bath); rep: D Hopley (Wasps); P Grayson (Waterloo), S Douglas (Newcastle Gosforth); M Hynes (Orrell), K Dunn (Wasps), D Garforth (Leicester), N Redman (Bath, captain), A Snow (Harlequins), M Greenwood (Wasps), M Rennell (Bedford), R Langhorn (Harlequins).
Referee: C Marsden (BC).
ENGLAND TEAM (to play Canada on Saturday): *D Pears (Harlequins); A Buzza (Wasps), A N Other, D Hopley (Wasps), C Oti (Wasps); P Challinor (Harlequins), K Bracken (Bristol); G Rowntree (Leicester), J Olver (Northampton, captain), V Ubogu (Bath), M Johnson (Leicester), A Blackmore (Bristol), J Hall (Bath), N Back (Leicester), S Ojomoh (Bath).*

Scotland turn to Edinburgh half

SCOTLAND will play Fiji on Fijian soil for the first time in Suva tomorrow (Alan Lorimer writes). The countries have twice faced each other at Murrayfield, in 1982 and 1989, when Scotland won 32-12 and 38-17 respectively.

For the match tomorrow Scotland have opted not to play Gregor Townsend, selecting instead Ally Donaldson, the Edinburgh stand-off. Townsend has suffered a loss of form, partly perhaps because of an over-demanding Scotland sevens tour in March.

Donaldson, a long-range line kicker, is ideally suited to converting possession into territorial gains. Moreover, he is an accurate goalkicker, as he showed in March when he put over five goals against France A in Aberdeen.

At centre, Scotland have selected a blend of solid defence and attacking flair. Ian Jardine's tackling will be crucial, while at outside centre Scott Nichol can make the most of scoring opportunities.

Fiji, who have delayed selection until today, will field a much-changed side from that which played in the 1991 World Cup.

SCOTLAND: K Logan (Stirling County); N Grecian (London Scottish), S Nichol (Selkirk), I Jardine (Stirling County), M Moncrieff (Gala); A Donaldson (Currie), A Nicol (Dundee High School FP, captain); G Isaac (Gala), J Hay (Hawick), S Ferguson (Peebles), D McIvor (Edinburgh Academicals), C Gray (Nottingham), R Scott (London Scottish), I Smith (Gloucester), G Weir (Melrose).
Replacements: D Wyllie (Stewart's Melville FP), G Townsend (Gala), B Redpath (Melrose), C Hogg (Melrose), G Wilson (Boroughmuir), M Scott (Edinburgh Academicals).

Slough set sights on European title

BY ALIX RAMSAY AND SYDNEY FRISKIN

THE domestic hockey season may be over, but for Slough the real work begins today as they attempt to fend off the best women's teams in Europe at the European club championships in Brussels.

After their national league and cup chances evaporated on a dismal weekend in February, Slough have geared themselves towards Europe, and have surprised themselves with the quality of their preparations. With four games in four days, they will need to be prepared to face Club Campo Madrid, Cardiff and Amsterdam before the finals on Monday.

The two new recruits, Sue Aidie and Rachel Wicks, brought in to replace Kate Parker and Denise Shorney, have settled easily, with Aidie providing the flexibility to play in any position. Having taken on an England XI and Bayer Leverkusen in training matches, beating the Germans 3-2, confidence is running high.

At the same time, Havant will stage the B division of the men's European club championship expecting to win and thereby enable Hounslow, the national league champions, to appear in the A division next year. Havant, entertaining the champion clubs of Portugal, Finland, Sweden, Gibraltar, Belarus, Poland and Hungary, begin their campaign this afternoon with a match against GD Viso, of Portugal. With all their players fit, Havant should win their pool and qualify for Monday's final, probably against Grammarians, of Gibraltar.

The other B division tournament is being played in Prague, where Whitchurch, the Welsh champions, are taking part. In Brussels, Uhlenhorst, the German club, should retain the men's senior title.

The Havant players Williams, Garcia and Lewis are exempt from the England training weekend starting today at Lilleshall. So, too, are Robert Thompson, of Hounslow, Jason Lee, of East Grinstead, and Jon Wyatt, of Reading, because of university examinations. The England team for two away matches against Holland are June 19 and 20 will be announced on June 3.

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Polo must steer clear of its vulgar social image

BY JOHN WATSON

THE recession has taken its toll of polo. While, for example, at high-goal level, 22 teams threw down the gauntlet for the British Open in 1990, this summer there will not be many more than a dozen.

Brigadier Arthur Douglas-Nugent, the manager at Cowdray Park, Sussex, who is responsible for organising the three-week, Davidoff-sponsored event from June 26 to July 18 is unabashed by the reduction in entries, which produces a more wieldy league arrangement. It also means less pressure on his ten grounds — or 13 counting the three at nearby Stedham.

The entries registered are: John Manconi's Alcatel; Brook Johnson's squad, CS Brooks; Robert Hanson's Bulldogs; Henryk de Kwiatkowski's Calumet Farm (formerly Kenneloi); Lord Cowdray's home team; Kerry Packer's two foursomes, Ellerston White and Ellerston Black; Hector Perrodo's Labegorce; the Tomlinsons' Los Locos; and Galen Weston's Maple Leafs.

Hans Huhnlein's Franken, Max Gottschalk's Les Lions and Martin Gruss's Pegasus may come in, too.

The highlight of the Guards tournament for the medium-goal Royal Windsor Cup will be on June 13 when Japan Airlines sponsor the afternoon. A league match involving the Maple Leafs, in whose line-up the Prince of Wales is included, will be followed by an encounter between teams aggregating handicaps of over 30, South America taking on the rest of the world for the JAL Cup.

Cartier again sponsors the Hurlingham Polo Association's (HPA) international day at Guards, when the all-England team takes on Chile for the Coronation Cup. The second match finds Canada facing an HPA side under the captaincy of Prince Charles.

The 26-goal tournament for the Prince Philip Trophy, introduced by Guards last year, will be repeated during the first three weeks of August. Guards will also be staging the inter-regimental and the schools contest.

Britain is the only country which has polo properly organised for young people, the Pony Club being the main fount of talent. A hundred teams, under the sponsorship of Lawnflite, will be reduced to 52 when the finals take place at Cowdray Park in August. The HPA sees that substantial parties of under-14s gain experience at Argentine *estancias*, while the Pony Club championships now include a prize for under-12s.

The HPA has done much during the past two seasons to facilitate marked improvements in pony welfare, in umpiring and in player discipline. There remains, however, the invidious situation by which matches are umpired by other players in the tournament concerned.

As an experiment two American professionals have been hired for the Queen's Cup. If that is successful, a nucleus of British professionals may be recruited. Paul Withers, who, at 53, has retired from the high-goal scene, might fill such a role.

Sponsorship, ostentatious entertainment and publicity hype may all play their part in bringing polo further into the public eye. But such promotion is also inclined to emphasise the vulgarity of the social side of polo at the expense of its inherent sporting glory.

Much exciting polo has already been played in the Tyro Cup and Prince of Wales Trophy. The HPA's particularly promising 1993 schedule of events should render the game the more sporting image to which it direly needs to return.



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9-4 Major Success, 3-1 Ca Ira, 4-1 Paradise News, 6-1 Mount Leinster, 8-1 Ablest Son, 10-1 Demon Dancer, 14-1 others.

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TRAINERS: R Akehurst, 6 winners from 28 runners, 21.4%; C Williams, 3 from 16, 20.0%; M Heaton-Ellis, 3 from 16, 18.8%; B Hills, 8 from 43, 18.6%; M Stoute, 5 from 29, 17.2%; A Bailey, 3 from 18, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS: Paul Eddery, 14 winners from 83 rides, 16.9%; M Hills, 8 from 53, 15.1%; B Raymond, 4 from 27, 14.8%; F Norton, 6 from 43, 14%; T Quinn, 11 from 91, 12.1%; A Munro, 8 from 80, 10%.

7.20 DUDLEY HANDICAP
(£3,669: 1m 2f 169yd) (11)

1 5020 SURREY DANCER 13 (B,F,G,S) B Hanbury 5-9-10 B Raymond 8
2 43-0 SANTANA LADY 21 (G) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-4 ..... A Munro 1
3 46-0 KNOWTH 35 (G) R Akehurst 4-9-2 ..... T Quinn 4
4 06-0 WILL SOON 12 H Candy 4-9-1 ..... C Rutter 9
5 -131 SUPERTOP 20 (F,S) P Harris 5-9-1 ..... Paul Eddery 7
6 0-24 MYFONTAINE 46 (CD,F,G,S) K Ivory 6-8-13 ..... G Bardwell 11
7 6300 SAINT CIEL 25 (D,F,S) F Jordan 5-8-12 ..... D Wright (7) 5
8 52-0 BIT ON THE SIDE 34 (G) W Musson 4-8-10 D McCabe (7) 10
9 14-0 CHILD STAR 11 (C,G,S) D Marks 4-8-5 ..... S Dawson 8
10 46-8 SANDRO 11 R Baker 4-7-11 ..... A Munro 3
11 010- SHIRL 45J (F) G Charles-Jones 4-7-7 ..... P McCabe (7) 2

3-1 Knowth, 4-1 Saint Ciel, 5-1 Surrey Dancer, 6-1 Myfontaine, 13-2 Superlop, 10-1 Santana Lady, 12-1 Child Star, 14-1 others

7.50 RADWAY STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,070: 1m 2f 169yd) (7)

1 435- ALLEGATION 218 (B) P Cole 8-9 ..... A Munro 5
2 2432 ABSALOM'S PILLAR 11 J Hetherton 8-3 ..... J Lowe 6
3 0 MARSHALL PINDARI 20 T Ellt 8-0 ..... N Carlisle 3
4 0-00 ONE MORE POUND 18 M Usher 8-0 ..... R Perham 7
5 6-51 SO SAUCY 13 S Mellon 7-9 ..... D Harrison (3) 9
6 600- FLYING AMY 221 W S M Varney 7-8 ..... P McCabe (7) 2
7 -400 BECKY BOO 9 R Price 7-7 ..... D Wright (7) 4

6-4 Absalom's Pillar, 15-8 Allegation, 8-1 So Saucy, 10-1 others.

8.20 COTEN END MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,640: 7f) (12)

1 0 ALLEGRO CON BRIO 14 T Thomson Jones 5-9-10 S Whitworth 3
2 -545 CHANDIGARH 13 R Lee 5-9-10 ..... J Williams 8
3 0/0- FAMILY ROSE 387 Miss G Kelleway 4-9-10 ..... S Mulvey (7) 7
4 6 CLASS ATTRACTION 11 M Pipe 4-9-5 ..... M Perrett 2
5 -006 FAIRY WISHER 25 M Bamaclough 4-9-5 ..... D Harrison (3) 5
6 00 RUBY VISION 45 L Barratt 4-9-5 ..... N Adams 9
7 2- ABSOLUTE MAGIC 300 W Haggas 3-8-13 ..... M Hills 4
8 0 MARCHMAIN 23 C Smith 3-8-13 ..... J Lowe 12
9 CATEQUIL J Fanshawe 3-8-8 ..... T Quinn 10
10 PHARLING B Curley 3-8-8 ..... B Raymond 6
11 26 RED COTTON 23 M Stoute 3-8-8 ..... Paul Eddery 1
12 5 THE SNOUT 7 W Musson 3-8-8 ..... D McCabe (7) 11

11-8 Red Cotton, 4-1 The Snout, 6-1 Absolute Magic, 8-1 Catequil, 10-1 others.

8.50 BANBURY HANDICAP
(£3,395: 1m 6f 194yd) (15)

1 13/4 BALASANI 23 (F,G) M Pipe 7-9-11 ..... M Perrett 5
2 10-0 BEAU QUEST 50 (C,F,G) B Cambidge 6-9-7 ..... J Lowe 10
3 1/06 CHAKALAK 25 (C,F,G) S Dow 5-9-6 ..... T Quinn 1
4 00/0 CHAMPAGNE GOLD 14 (F,G,S) J McConnochie 6-9-1 ..... J Williams 8
5 6-00 PRINCESS ERMYN 25 M Dixon 4-8-9 ..... A Clark 3
6 33-5 ALUMOSA 30 (G) T Naughton 4-8-7 ..... D Holland 12
7 04-0 UNDERWYCHWOOD 7J P Burraytree 5-8-2 ..... B Bardwell 15
8 000 ICE MAGIC 7 (G) F Yardley 6-8-1 ..... A McGlone 4
9 060- ROYAL PRINT 31J W Elsey 4-8-1 ..... D Harrison (3) 9
10 -105 BRIFAST DU PARADIS 22 (D,G) P Evans 5-8-0 .. A Garth (5) 7
11 0000 LAJADHAL 25 J Bennett 4-7-13 ..... T Spratley 11
12 0-30 WHITE RIVER 31 (D,F) D Haydn Jones 7-7-13 ..... A Tucker 6
13 25-0 INTREPID LASS 31 H Candy 6-7-13 .. Amphietta Annes (7) 13
14 3046 PERFORATE 20 (G) R Baker 4-7-8 ..... A Munro 2
15 45-0 UTTALLWORTHIT 21 J Mackie 4-7-7 ..... D Wright (7) 14

5-4 Balasani, 5-1 Perforate, 6-1 Enfant Du Paradis, 8-1 Intrepid Lass, 12-1 Alumosa, White River, 14-1 Clickolak, 16-1 others

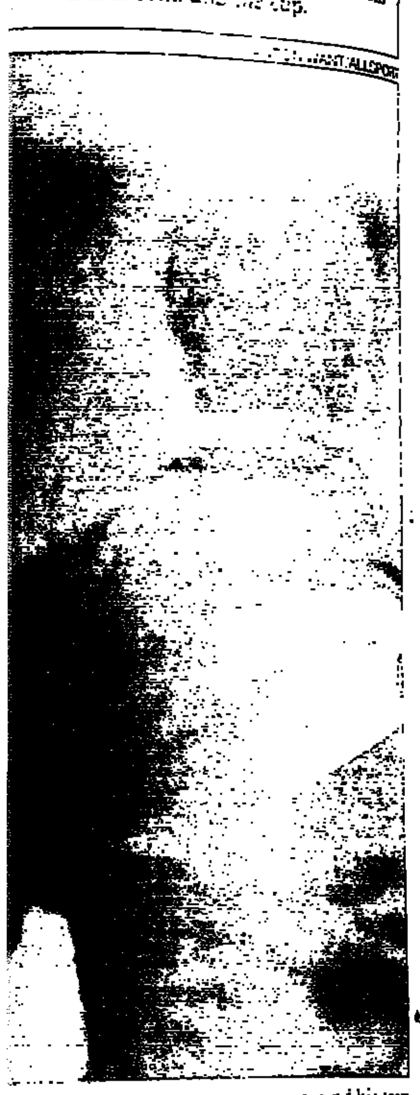
☐ Bin Ajwaad, who broke a bone in his near-hind when second to Kingmambo in the French 2,000 Guineas two weeks ago, may be retired. Trainer Ben Hanbury said: "He's being operated on today but I don't think he'll ever race again. He's the best horse I've ever trained."

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The second half was not distinguished. Barthez, the Marseilles goalkeeper, who had been time-wasting even in the first half, was rightfully booked. Marseilles were often playing deliberately to be caught offside, forcing Milan to take free kicks from way back in their own half. Rijkaard was now playing too deep to matter and the whole Milan team looked jaded. Papin could do little right — predictably — in the 35 minutes allowed him as a substitute.

Victory was less deserved than it would have been, say, for the splendid St Etienne team in 1976, beaten at Hampden Park in Bayern's third victory by a single goal. Yet what will Bernard Tapie, the owner of Marseilles, care? He has $17 million for Papin from Berlusconi and the cup.



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Holland keeps Yawl ride in Oaks

By Julian Muscat

YAWL, the Oaks favourite, confirmed her place in the fillies' classic when delighting Barry Hills, her trainer, on the Lambourn gallops yesterday. Darryll Holland will keep the ride.

Just as Tenby asserted himself as a worthy favourite for the Derby 24 hours earlier, Yawl raised owner Dick Hollingsworth's hopes that she could win the Oaks when working in fine style with Further Flight over a distance just short of a mile.

Hills said of his filly, who is inclined to be lazy in her work: "Yawl moved up to Further Flight very easily. It was not a hard gallop; she only raced eight days ago. I will give her another half-speed on Saturday, a little bit on Wednesday and I'll canter her at Epsom on Friday."

Hollingsworth, a staunch and successful supporter of British racing for many years, has only won one classic, the 1980 Oaks, with Bireme, who is Yawl's dam.

Speculation that Lester Piggott would be aboard Yawl on June 5 has proved wide of the mark. Hills described reports linking the 57-year-old with the mount as "pure rubbish". Holland will renew his association with Yawl after Pat Eddery deputised in the Lupe Stakes, when Holland was serving a suspension.

"Darryll is only young but he's already ridden Yawl three times before," Hills said yesterday. "He'll ride her well enough for me."

Piggott's rejection of the Oaks ride on Gisarne fuelled the speculation. Yesterday, Cash Asmussen confirmed he would take over on Gisarne, unbeaten in her two starts.

It is far from apparent what Piggott has lined up as his Oaks ride. Jockeys for Yawl, Wemyss Bight, Sueboog and Bashayer will select themselves. Piggott's only opening among the better fancied mounts appears to rest with Shaikh Mohammed, who is contemplating running the French filly, Intrepidity, in addition to Marillette and possibly Criquette.

The latter, due to work on Wednesday morning, did not appear on the Heath for the second-day running. Among the reasons was the deluge of rain to hit Newmarket, which rendered the ground on the soft side. These conditions are far from ideal for a filly yet to run this season, but time may now be running out for Criquette as far as the Oaks is concerned.

Her failure to make the line-up would enhance the prospects of Intrepidity taking part. This Sadler's Wells filly, winner of the Prix Saint-Alary last time out, has been ridden by Thierry Jarnet in France, but he would be far from certain to travel.

Earlier in the season, Michael Roberts took over the 1,000 Guineas favourite Elizabeth Bay, owned and trained by Intrepidity's connections. Roberts again has the choice.

Ladbrokes do not quote Intrepidity behind their 4-1 joint market leaders, Yawl and Wemyss Bight. The latter attempts to become the first French-trained winner of the Oaks since Pawneese in 1976.

Most bookmakers have Yawl as their clear favourite but Ladbrokes' Rob Hartnett said: "We have a high opinion of Wemyss Bight and have been quoting her at shorter odds than the others."

Wemyss Bight's jockey, Pat Eddery, is in the best position to assess the race. In addition to partnering Wemyss Bight to her last victory at Maisons-Laffitte, he has also ridden Yawl and Marillette in their respective trials. He clearly knows what he has to beat.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: MASHAIR (3.20 Salisbury)

Next best: Indiahra (2.00 Haydock)



Smile of satisfaction: Hills is delighted with Yawl's workout in preparation for next Saturday's Oaks

HAYDOCK PARK

THUNDERER

2.00 Serious Option, 2.30 Rainbow Lake, 3.00 Piquant, 3.30 Argyle Cavalier, 4.00 Trinity Hall, 4.30 Gondo, 5.00 Star Manager

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 Rainbow Lake.
5.00 PREMIER LEAGUE (nap).

GOING: SOFT   DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST   SIS

2.00 BASS MILD XXXX MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,525: 5f) (6 runners)

101 (4) LANCASHIRE LIFE (Mrs S Barclay) E Alston 9-0 .... K Fallon –
102 (2) 0 NEZ CARRERA 20 (Mrs C Hodgetts) B Whitaker 9-0 .... A Culhane –
103 (1) PARIS SYMPHONY (N Jackson) J Berry 9-0 .... J Carroll –
104 (6) ROOFTOP FLYER (Miss L Vickers) R Hannon 9-0 .... Pat Eddery –
105 (5) 2 SERIOUS OPTION 13 (Lord Porchester) P Cole 9-0 .... T Quinn [illegible]
106 (3) 2 INDIAHRA 44 (P Lawton) R Hollinshead 8-9 .... K Darley 93

BETTING: 2-1 Serious Option, 11-4 Indiahra, 7-2 Paris Symphony, 5-1 Rooftop Flyer, 8-1 Lancashire Life, 14-1 Nez Carrera.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

NEZ CARRERA 16l 8th of 9 to Legalese in a maiden auction at Beverley (5f, good to firm). SERIOUS OPTION head 2nd of 19 to Prince Babar in a maiden auction at Newbury (5f, good). INDIAHRA 1½l 2nd of 11 to Pommes Frites in a maiden auction at Newmarket (5f, good).
LANCASHIRE LIFE (foaled May 30) is a half-brother, by Petoriu, to several winners, including sprinters Mummy's Secret and Mi Favorita. PARIS SYMPHONY (Mar 25) is a half-brother, by Common Grounds, to sprint handicapper Iron King and 9f-1m winner White Creek.
ROOFTOP FLYER (Feb 16, cost 18,000gns) is a half-brother, by Nordico, to two minor winners abroad.
Selection: SERIOUS OPTION

2.30 SPINAL INJURIES ASSOCIATION MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O fillies: £3,622: 1m 3f 200yd) (5 runners)

201 (4) 30-0 ARAADH 25 (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-11 .... R Hills 94
202 (2) 3 DUNNELLON 18 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Watts 8-11 .... M Roberts [illegible]
203 (1) MAYDAY CALLING (A Smith-Maxwell) M Bell 8-11 .... M Fenton (5) –
204 (3) 6 RAINBOW LAKE 42 (BF) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 8-11 .... Pat Eddery 96
205 (5) 0-2 ROSSCOYNE 6 (J Wheeler) Mrs M Reveley 8-11 .... K Darley 98

BETTING: 9-4 Rainbow Lake, 5-2 Dunnellon, 11-4 Araadh, 4-1 Rosscoyne, 14-1 Mayday Calling.

1992: SILVERNESIAN 9-0 M Roberts (13-8 fav) J Dunlop 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

ARAADH 6½l 8th of 16 to Aneesati in a maiden at Kempton (1m, good), and was 3¾l 3rd of 12 to Yeltsin in a maiden at Newcastle on racecourse debut (1m, heavy).
DUNNELLON 1¼l 3rd of 6 to Mecklenburg in a maiden at Redcar (1m 2f, good). RAINBOW LAKE 15l 6th of 12 to Cairo Prince in a maiden at Newbury (1m 3f, good). ROSSCOYNE 2l 2nd of 6 to Rhio in a maiden at Newcastle (1m 2f, good to soft).
MAYDAY CALLING is a half-sister, by Bustino, to several winners, including useful 1985 juvenile 7f winner Stage Hand. Dam 5f winner as a juvenile.
Selection: DUNNELLON

3.00 ELEGANT RESORTS HANDICAP (£4,962: 1m 30yd) (11 runners)

301 (6) 024313/ CORALS DREAM 95J (S) (Mrs C Hanson) C Wall 4-10-0 .... W Woods –
302 (7) 40-3150 WILL OF STEEL 30 (G,S) (Exors of K Whaldon) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-6 .... K Fallon 91
303 (3) 03620-0 AMAZE 41 (D,S) (Lady Katharine Phillips) Lady Herries 4-9-5 .... K Darley 87
304 (5) 331/0-6 MUHARIB 28 (G) (F Kalla) C Brittain 4-9-4 .... B Doyle (3) –
305 (8) 24000-2 PIQUANT 13 (CD,F,G,S) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 5-9-0 .... D Harrison (3) [illegible]
306 (11) 10-4412 FOREVER DIAMONDS 13 (D,BF,F,G,S) M H Easterby 6-8-12 .... M Birch 93
307 (9) 06000-2 ARANY 32 (D,S) (Mrs P Jubert) M Tompkins 6-8-12 .... P Robinson 96
308 (1) 01536-0 COURAGEOUS KNIGHT 34 (F) (T Bucknall) R Hannon 4-8-2 .... M Roberts 88
309 (10) 0010-26 SALDA 35 (CD,S) (E Thomas) R Whitaker 4-8-1 .... G Duffield 82
310 (2) 130405 ROSEATE LODGE 21 (CD,F,G) (D Price) K Burke 7-7-12 .... J Quinn 95
311 (4) 130213 CEE-JAY-AY 13 (D,F,G,S) (R Jinks) J Berry 6-7-11 .... L Charnock 91

BETTING: 11-4 Piquant, 7-2 Forever Diamonds, 5-1 Cee-Jay-Ay, 7-1 Courageous Knight, 8-1 Roseate Lodge, 10-1 Amaze, Salda, 12-1 others.

1992: PIQUANT 5-8-13 A Munro (15-8) Lord Huntingdon 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

WILL OF STEEL 6l 13th of 22 to Tender Moment in a handicap at Ascot (7f, good). Previously, beat Little Bean 2l in a 6-runner handicap at Newmarket (7f, good).
PIQUANT short-head 2nd of 16 to Jade Vale in a handicap at Newbury (1m, good). FOREVER DIAMONDS 3½l 2nd of 9 to Taufan Blu in a handicap at Thirsk (7f, soft), with CEE-JAY-AY (same terms) a head 3rd. ARANY beaten 3½l in match with Tik Fa at Pontefract (1m, soft). SALDA neck 2nd of 11 to Shannon Express in an apprentices' handicap at Hamilton on penultimate start (1m 65yd, soft).
ROSEATE LODGE 6l 5th of 13 to Soaking in a conditions race at Lingfield (7f 140yd, good to firm).
CEE-JAY-AY beat Veloce a head in a 10-runner handicap at Chester on penultimate start (7f 122yd, good to firm).
Selection: PIQUANT

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	14	48	29.2	Pat Eddery	31	125	24.8
M Bell	7	28	25	N Connorton	6	42	14.3
H Thomson Jones	12	53	22.6	M Roberts	14	99	14.1
J Dunlop	15	73	20.5	W R Swinburn	8	57	14.0
B Hills	13	74	17.6	T Quinn	8	60	13.3
R Hannon	9	52	17.3	M Birch	15	121	12.4

3.30 BASS NORTH WEST RATED HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £6,152: 1m 6f) (6 runners)

401 (5) 50-11 ACANTHUS 25 (D,G) (Cuadra Africa) J Dunlop 9-7 .... Pat Eddery 92
402 (4) 530-113 MARROS MILL 13 (G,S) (A Simpson) M Bell 9-5 .... M Fenton (5) 92
403 (3) 350-445 BONAR BRIDGE 13 (C Hamer) R Hannon 9-2 .... W R Swinburn 93
404 (6) 50-432 BOHEMIAN CROWN 10 (Shaikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-12 .... M Roberts [illegible]
405 (2) 2-1250 DEE RAFT 23 (G) (D Pickering) B Hills 8-9 .... D Holland 96
406 (1) 52-0461 ARGYLE CAVALIER 11 (S) (E Jones (Paints) Ltd) F Lee 8-7 (5ex) .... J Carroll 96

Long handicap: Argyle Cavalier 8-6.

BETTING: 5-2 Acanthus, 3-1 Bohemian Crown, 7-2 Marros Mill, 5-1 Argyle Cavalier, 7-1 Bonar Bridge, 10-1 Dee Raft.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

ACANTHUS beat Safety In Numbers 1½l in a 6-runner handicap at Doncaster (1m 6f 132yd, good), with ARGYLE CAVALIER (same terms) 7½l last. MARROS MILL 2½l 3rd of 9 to Circus Colours in a handicap at Newbury (1m 4f, good), with BONAR BRIDGE (3lb better off) 2½l 5th. Previously beat High Summer 2l in a 7-runner handicap at Newbury (1m 4f, good). BOHEMIAN CROWN 1l 2nd of 7 to Pistol River in a handicap at Goodwood (1m 4f, good to firm). DEE RAFT 4¾l 5th of 13 to Dutosky in a handicap at Doncaster on penultimate start (1m 2f 60yd, good to firm), with ARGYLE CAVALIER (8lb worse off) 4l 8th. ARGYLE CAVALIER beat Best Appearance 2l in a 3-runner handicap at Edinburgh (1m 3f, soft).
Selection: ACANTHUS

4.00 SPINAL INJURIES ASSOCIATION RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,684: 6f) (5 runners)

501 (3) 20-2422 CLANROCK 6 (V) (D Gill) R Whitaker 9-0 .... A Culhane 98
502 (2) 424-000 FLASHMAN 9 (B) (P Asquith) F Lee 9-0 .... S Perks 81
503 (4) 008- SARAH HEIGHTS 206 (C Price) Miss L Siddall 8-9 .... D Harrison (3) 78
504 (1) 03-4305 TRINITY HALL 9 (S Starkey) C Horgan 8-9 .... R Hills [illegible]
505 (5) 000-0 WHYALLA RAIN 45 (J Lane) R Hollinshead 8-9 .... J Dennis (7) –

BETTING: 13-8 Trinity Hall, 5-2 Clanrock, 4-1 Flashman, 5-1 Sarah Heights, 8-1 Whyalla Rain.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

CLANROCK ½l 2nd of 4 to Cherhill in a maiden at Catterick (6f, good to soft). FLASHMAN 13l 9th of 10 to Holaria in a handicap at Nottingham (6f, good to firm). SARAH HEIGHTS 6¼l 6th of 8 to Anusha in a maiden at Hamilton (6f, heavy). TRINITY HALL 5l 5th of 11 to Petonellajill in a maiden at Goodwood (7f, good to firm). WHYALLA RAIN 24l 9th of 12 to Midnight Heights in a maiden at Warwick (1m, soft) maiden.
Selection: CLANROCK

4.30 PHURNACITE HANDICAP (£5,131: 5f) (10 runners)

601 (7) 01502-0 CRYSTAL JACK 22 (C,D,F,G,S) (Mrs B Facchino) F Lee 5-10-0 .... O Pears (5) 96
602 (10) 400-203 DOMINUET 16 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs R Heathcote) J Spearing 8-9-13 .... J Lowe 97
603 (2) 05304-3 NEVER IN THE RED 22 (V,D,BF,F,G) (R Aird) J Berry 5-9-8 .... J Carroll 95
604 (1) 60-2202 EAGER DEVA 6 (D,F,G) (Mrs E Faulkner) R Hollinshead 6-9-8 .... K Darley 95
605 (4) 630-530 ALLTHRUTHENIGHT 9 (D,G) (G Steinberg) L Holt 4-9-8 .... Pat Eddery 97
606 (5) 41300-0 PALLIUM 10 (CD,F,G) (W Kelly) M Naughton 5-8-12 .... J Fortune 93
607 (3) 200-010 LORD HIGH ADMIRAL 16 (D,F) (E Young) M Heaton-Ellis 5-8-10 .... M Roberts 96
608 (6) 24055-0 ABSOLUTION 14 (CD,F,G,S) (M Hyman) M Naughton 9-8-9 .... N Connorton 95
609 (9) 00-3415 SONDERISE 14 (C,D,BF,G,S) (Mrs D Wright) N Tinkler 4-8-9 .... N Carlisle 96
610 (8) 3600-30 GONDO 16 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs H O'Brien) E Alston 6-8-8 .... K Fallon 98

BETTING: 4-1 Eager Deva, 11-2 Never In The Red, Sonderise, 7-1 Dominuet, 8-1 Allthruthenight, Lord High Admiral, 10-1 Crystal Jack, Gondo, Pallium, 12-1 Absolution.

1992: GONDO 5-8-4 K Fallon (10-1) E Alston 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

DOMINUET 3l 3rd of 17 to Maclarlane in a handicap at York (5f, good), with GONDO (5lb better off) 4½l 8th, LORD HIGH ADMIRAL (3lb better off) ½l 9th and EAGER DEVA (4lb better off) ½l 11th. NEVER IN THE RED 2l 3rd of 9 to Stack Rock in a handicap at Chester (5f, good to firm), with CRYSTAL JACK (2lb worse off) 9l 8th. EAGER DEVA short-head 2nd of 15 to Metal Boys in a handicap at Newmarket (5f, good).
ALLTHRUTHENIGHT ¾l 3rd of 8 to Case Law in a conditions race at Bath on penultimate start (5f, good). LORD HIGH ADMIRAL beat Bodari neck in a 17-runner handicap at Sandown on penultimate start (5f, good to firm).
SONDERISE 3¾l 5th of 20 to So Superb in a handicap at Thirsk (5f, soft), with ABSOLUTION (1lb better off) 9l 17th. GONDO 1¾l 3rd of 10 to Tommy Tempest in an apprentices' handicap at Ripon on penultimate start (5f, soft).
Selection: DOMINUET (nap)

5.00 KNIGHTON GROUP CONDITIONS STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,552: 1m 30yd) (6 runners)

1 (1) 0-1 CHATOYANT 36 (D,S) (Lord Derby) J Watts 9-0 .... G Duffield 93
2 (3) 1 JADE CITY 21 (F) (N Jackson) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-0 .... K Fallon 81
3 (6) 6-15 PREMIER LEAGUE 22 (G) (Miss P Rovera) J Banks 9-0 .... J Quinn 92
4 (2) 10-351 STAR MANAGER 14 (D,S) (M Arbib) P Cole 9-0 .... S Perks 98
5 (5) 14 YAOTHAN 21 (S) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0 .... R Hills [illegible]
6 (4) 02-0456 PERSIAN REVIVAL 17 (C,F) (Mrs P Sturgess) B McMahon 8-10 .... M Birch 97

BETTING: 15-8 Yaothan, 2-1 Star Manager, 7-2 Chatoyant, 5-1 Premier League, 8-1 Jade City, 20-1 Persian Revival.

1992: HERO'S LIGHT 9-4 A Munro P Cole - walked over

FORM FOCUS

CHATOYANT beat Brown's ½l in a 16-runner maiden at Beverley (1m 110yd, good to soft). JADE CITY beat Humber's Supreme 1l in a 14-runner maiden at Beverley (5f, good to firm).
PREMIER LEAGUE beat Conspicuous 3l in a maiden at 19-runner Leicester on penultimate start (1m 2f, good).
STAR MANAGER beat Zajira 2l in a 5-runner conditions race at Thirsk (1m, soft). YAOTHAN 3¾l 4th of 8 to Winged Victory in a conditions race at Lingfield (7f, good to firm). PERSIAN REVIVAL 11l 6th of 11 to Persian Brave in a handicap at York (1m 2f 110yd, good to soft).
Selection: STAR MANAGER

□ Brian Meehan, a former assistant to Richard Hannon who took out a licence this season, got off the mark when Connect won the second division of the Freshfield Median Auction Maiden Stakes at Brighton yesterday.

Greeves is given key role on BHB

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

THE subtle shift in the way racing will be run in future was reflected yesterday in a list of key appointments to the British Horseracing Board (BHB).

Paul Greeves, formerly director of operations at the Jockey Club, is the BHB's new racing director — and No 2 to Tristram Ricketts, the chief executive.

While the promotion of Greeves is significant in the long term, the most notable aspect of yesterday's announcement concerned those officials who have not secured a job on the BHB, which will run racing when it formally comes into existence on June 7.

There is no place for David Pipe, director of public affairs at the Jockey Club, nor Kenneth Young, chief executive at the Horseracing Advisory Council.

Pipe has been a high-profile spokesman and his army background helped him to cope with constant controversy and turbulent times over the past two years. BHB press relations will be handled initially by Ricketts and Greeves.

Greeves's responsibilities will include official handicappers, race planning and liaising with Weatherbys. Clive Allan, formerly the Jockey Club accountant, is the board's financial controller and company secretary. Annie Dodd is the new industry committee executive and Simon Clare, a product of the Jockey Club's graduate programme, will provide administrative and research services.

Ricketts said yesterday: "In putting together the initial executive team, I have been very conscious of the fact that the BHB can only expect racing to pay for those resources which are essential to the cost-effective provision of the services which racing requires of its governing authority."

SALISBURY

THUNDERER

2.20 Preston Guild. 2.50 High Domain. 3.20 Dancing Prize. 3.50 Bezique. 4.20 FORMAL AFFAIR (nap). 4.50 Spin Doctor. 5.20 Dreams Are Free.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.50 Spin Doctor.

Private Handicapper's top rating:
3.20 DANCING PRIZE.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT   SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.20 LANGFORD APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,553: 1m 1f 209yd) (14 runners)

1 0500 OCTOBER BREW 11 G Lewis 9-7 .... M Payne (10) 6
2 0-00 CALIBRATE 13 B Meehan 9-3 .... D Gibbs 7
3 2102 DUVEEN 18 (D,G) M Bell 8-13 .... J O'Dwyer (6) 13
4 4400 MAJOR TRIUMPH 18 G Bravery 8-12 .... S Mulvey 10
5 -153 HOMEMAKER 11 (F,S) P Murphy 8-12 .... R Waterfield (8) 9
6 1-64 MR CUBE 15 (G) P Cole 8-10 .... A Daly (7) 8
7 3-05 PISTOLS AT DAWN 18 R Hannon 8-10 .... Wendy Jones (8) 14
8 4046 SLEEPTITE 10 C Cyzer 8-9 .... T Thomas (10) 12
9 00-0 WAR REQUIEM 20 G Balding 8-6 .... D Griffiths (7) 3
10 00-6 MR DINGLE 25 W Haggas 8-3 .... G Milligan (5) 5
11 0-30 SKY BURST 15 L Cottrell 8-3 .... Mark Denaro 2
12 00-0 IS SHE QUICK 20 Mrs J Dawe 8-0 .... S McCarthy (5) 4
13 2156 PRESTON GUILD 18 (G) R Williams 7-13 .... N Varley 1
14 -050 MY SISTER LUCY 9 A Jarvis 7-11 .... Martin Dwyer (7) 11

7-2 Preston Guild, 9-2 Duveen, 6-1 Homemaker, 7-1 Mr Cube, 8-1 Pistols At Dawn, 10-1 Major Triumph, 12-1 Sky Burst, 14-1 Mr Dingle, 16-1 others.

2.50 SALISBURY CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,910: 5f) (4)

1 01 BID FOR BLUE 22 (D,F) R Hannon 9-1 .... L Piggott 2
2 1 HIGH DOMAIN 21 (D,G) M McCormack 9-1 .... J Reid 4
3 3 ANZIO 28 G Bravery 8-11 .... A Munro 1
4 421 ISABELLA SHARP 13 (D,S) M Bell 8-10 .... M Hills 3

6-4 High Domain, 2-1 Bid For Blue, 4-1 Anzio, 9-2 Isabella Sharp

3.20 NETHERHAMPTON MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (Div I: £3,982: 1m 1f 209yd) (12)

1 AUNT ADA 115J R Rowe 4-9-7 .... M Perrett 6
2 0 BIJOU FIRE 11 J Hills 5-9-7 .... M Hills 8
3 33- ABET 244 W Hern 3-8-6 .... J Reid 12
4 00 ARRASAS LADY 20 J Long 3-8-6 .... R Price 11
5 6-23 DANCING PRIZE 20 M Stoute 3-8-6 .... Paul Eddery 3
6 0- KARDELLE 239 R Charlton 3-8-6 .... T Sprake 10
7 0-3 MASHAIR 46 J Dunlop 3-8-6 .... W Carson 4
8 0 MY MINNIE 20 R Hodges 3-8-6 .... R Perham 9
9 RASAYEL B Hanbury 3-8-6 .... B Raymond 1
10 03-3 TAHDID 27 P Walwyn 3-8-6 .... A Munro 5
11 2-23 TOCHAR BAN 16 (BF) D Elsworth 3-8-6 .... J Williams 2
12 04 WHAT LOLA WANTS 25 P Murphy 3-8-6 .... N Adams 7

2-1 Dancing Prize, 4-1 Mashair, 6-1 Tahdid, 7-1 Tochar Ban, 10-1 Abet, 14-1 Rasayel, 15-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: W Haggas, 3 winners from 7 runners, 42.9%; G Harwood, 27 from 83, 32.5%; J Gosden, 7 from 22, 31.8%; L Cumani, 7 from 25, 28.0%; M Stoute, 5 from 20, 25.0%; A Stewart, 3 from 13, 23.1%.
JOCKEYS: M Hills, 9 winners from 46 rides, 19.6%; A Munro, 11 from 57, 19.3%; W Carson, 18 from 108, 16.7%; R Cochrane, 20 from 136, 14.7%; J Reid, 16 from 124, 12.9%; B Rouse, 17 from 167, 10.2%.

3.50 TRYON HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £4,857: 6f 212yd) (15)

1 -540 PRINCELY FAVOUR 28 (S) R Hannon 9-7 .... W Carson 14
2 -036 BEZIQUE 29 (B,D,S) J Gosden 9-2 .... R Cochrane 9
3 00-0 DON TOCINO 29 J Dunlop 9-0 .... J Williams 4
4 2-20 PATSY GRIMES 34 M Muggeridge 8-12 .... B Rouse 11
5 30-0 SPRING SUNRISE 27 (CD,F,S) M Blanshard 8-9 .... F Norton 7
6 0-60 GREEN CHILI 25 J Hills 8-9 .... M Hills 13
7 -104 DAILY SPORT DON 8 (D,S) R Hannon 8-8 .... Paul Eddery 1
8 0-30 POLAR STORM 18 (BF,F) Lady Herries 8-8 .... J Reid 6
9 -330 KOA 25 M Heaton-Ellis 8-7 .... W Ryan 10
10 6435 ABSOLUTELY FACT 16 (G) C C Elsey 8-4 .... A Munro 12
11 6-40 LOVE IN THE MIST 25 (B) I Balding 8-2 .... S O'Gorman 3
12 -805 GALLOP TO GLORY 18 S Dow 8-1 .... C Rutter 5
13 5-04 AVRIL ETOILE 23 L Holt 8-1 .... A McGlone 15
14 0-30 SILVER GROOM 45 A Jarvis 8-0 .... D Wright (7) 2
15 600- TIGERSPIKE 371 M McCormack 7-11 .... N Adams 8

4-1 Bezique, 5-1 Princely Favour, 6-1 Polar Storm, 7-1 Koa, 8-1 Daily Sport Don, 10-1 Absolutely Fact, 12-1 Love In The Mist, Spring Sunrise, 14-1 others.

4.20 REDENHAM CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,027: 6f 212yd) (12)

1 2-00 FORMAL AFFAIR 13 (D,G) C Cyzer 9-2 .... D Biggs 12
2 -330 NO EXTRAS 13 (G) G L Moore 9-2 .... B Rouse 9
3 0-10 KNYAZ 21 (D,S) L Cottrell 9-0 .... A Munro 11
4 605- TONYS MIST 195 R Hannon 8-11 .... J Reid 1
5 40-0 WESTERN VALLEY 38 K Cunningham-Brown 8-11 .... J Comber 5
6 0100 BUCKSKI ECHO 20 (S) T Jones 8-10 .... A Clark 6
7 0505 TOFF SUNDAE 8 (S) P McEntee 8-9 .... Paul Eddery 6
8 00 SHEFFORD 28 M Usher 8-6 .... R Cochrane 2
9 0-05 BEYOND THE LIMIT 46 D Marks 8-1 .... W Carson 3
10 5006 JUST JAMIE 7 G Lewis 8-1 .... D Wright (7) 4
11 0-00 LADY RELKO 29 R Voorspuy 8-1 .... S Dawson 10
12 00-0 ZHAAB 15 M Madgwick 8-1 .... C Avery 7

2-1 Formal Affair, 4-1 Knyaz, 5-1 Just Jamie, 7-1 No Extras, 10-1 Tonys Mist, 14-1 Buckski Echo, 16-1 others.

4.50 DURNFORD CONDITIONS STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,687: 1m 4f) (7)

1 -412 TIOMAN ISLAND 20 (F,G) P Cole 9-4 .... T Quinn 2
2 21 CAPTAIN'S GUEST 11 (G) G Harwood 9-12 .... W Carson 5
3 6-1 LORD NITROGEN 53 (D,G) M Bell 8-12 .... A Munro 1
4 21 MASTER CHARLIE 23 (CD,F) I Balding 8-12 .... M Hills 3
5 31 SPIN DOCTOR 25 (S) L Cumani 8-12 .... R Cochrane 6
6 EDBAYSAAN H Cecil 8-7 .... W Ryan 4
7 14 LAVENDER COTTAGE 20 (S) G Wragg 8-7 .... Paul Eddery 7

2-1 Tioman Island, 3-1 Spin Doctor, 5-1 Master Charlie, 6-1 Edbaysaan, 8-1 Captain's Guest, 12-1 Lord Nitrogen, 15-1 Lavender Cottage

5.20 NETHERHAMPTON MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (Div II: £3,882: 1m 1f 209yd) (11)

1 5/ BELLEZZA 56J A Moore 6-9-7 .... B Rouse 10
2 DASHING MARCH 46J M Saunders 4-9-7 .... R Price 6
3 CHARLOTTE DUNDAS J Gosden 3-8-6 .... R Cochrane 5
4 0 CHASE THE STARS 16 C Cyzer 3-8-6 .... W Newnes 7
5 3 CUTLASS 13 W Hern 3-8-6 .... J Reid 3
6 0-4 DREAMS ARE FREE 34 H Cecil 3-8-6 .... W Ryan 4
7 0-0 GLINT OF AYR 25 W Muir 3-8-6 .... Kim McDonnell (7) 11
8 00-0 JAFETICA 22 D Laing 3-8-6 .... A Tucker 8
9 NAWAHIL A Stewart 3-8-6 .... W Carson 9
10 RUFFLE Lady Herries 3-8-6 .... A Clark 2
11 00-0 WINNING APPEAL 41 R Hannon 3-8-6 .... S Raymont 1

2-1 Cutlass, 11-4 Dreams Are Free, 9-2 Charlotte Dundas, 5-1 Nawahil, 12-1 Ruffle, 14-1 Glint Of Ayr, Winning Appeal, 16-1 others.

Blinkered first time

HAYDOCK PARK: 4.00 Clanrock, Flashman. WARWICK: 6.15 Lombard Ships, 7.50 Allegation. PONTEFRACT: 7.10 Common Council. SALISBURY: 3.50 Love In The Mist.

TOWCESTER

THUNDERER

2.10 Commanchero. 2.40 Do Be Brief. 3.10 Who's Tef. 3.40 Starlap. 4.10 Teaplanter. 4.40 Roc Color.

Brain Beel: 4.10 Teaplanter.

GOING: GOOD   SIS

2.10 SHOLEBROOK SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,027: 2m 5f) (21 runners)

1 5545 SUREN 38F (G,S) C Weedon 7-11-10 .... A Maguire
2 6451 MIRAMAC 38 (F,G,S) R Frost 12-11-9 .... J Frost
3 P200 DOMINION TREASURE 8 (CD,G,S) R Baker 8-11-8 .... G Upton
4 -500 ROWHEDGE 7 (F,G) Miss J S Doyle 7-11-5 .... S Curran (7)
5 3240 ANDRELOT 35 (B,F,G) K White 8-11-4 .... A O'Hagan
6 02P0 LOCHERRE 22 (V,G,S) R Baugh 9-11-1 .... Gary Lyons
7 2535 TEMPORALE 22 (C,D,F,G,S) K Burke 7-11-1 .... R Supple
8 2602 CLARE LAD 13 (B,F,G,S) D Wintle 10-10-12 .... R Bellamy
9 2101 CASA BELLA 15 (C,D,F,S) B Richmond 6-10-7 .... D Byrne
10 P5P2 VAZON EXPRESS 13 F Dalton 7-10-6 .... D Winter (7)
11 3055 STORM WARRIOR 8 (B,G) B Preece 8-10-5 .... T Wall
12 U333 COMMANCHERO 35 R Hodges 6-10-4 .... R Dunwoody
13 P3P0 BERYL'S JOKE 7 (B) P Hobbs 9-10-0 .... M Parker (7)
14 3635 LADY POLY 16 (G) R Stone 5-10-0 .... Leesa Long (7)
15 33/P SMITHY'S CHOICE 9 (V,F) I Anderson 11-10-0 .... M A Fitzgerald
16 05P6 I'M CURIOUS 20 R Thompson 4-10-0 .... D Skyrme
17 /06- ROYAL SHEPHERD 494 (F,S) M McNeill 10-10-0 .... A McCabe
18 P/4U COPPER STREAK 21 (G,S) P Jones 11-10-0 .... D Leahy (5)
19 3645 SUNDAY JIM 9 H Webb 9-10-0 .... D Meade (7)
20 /0P0 DEEP DAWN RUN 27 A James 7-10-0 .... W Marston (3)
21 00P6 SPRING FORWARD 17 (F) Mrs M Long 9-10-0 .... R Rowell

4-1 Miramac, 5-1 Clare Lad, Temporale, 13-2 Andrelot, 8-1 Casa Bella, Dominion Treasure, 12-1 Suren, 14-1 Vazon Express, 16-1 Storm Warrior, 20-1 others.

2.40 SUE FERNIE BIRTHDAY HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,158: 3m 1f) (14)

1 3861 BORACEVA 15 (CD,F,G,S) G Balding 10-12-0 .... A Maguire
2 0123 DO BE BRIEF 69 (B,C,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 8-10-11 .... M Pitman
3 2PUP TORT 27 (CD,G,S) P Dalton 9-10-8 .... Mr T Jenks (5)
4 PPP3 CHANCERY BUCK 8 (D,F,G) R Frost 10-10-1 .... J Frost
5 -P3B LEAGAUNE 6 (CD,S) T Casey 11-10-1 .... R Dunwoody
6 2461 BUDDY HOLLY 15 (F,G) J Old 8-10-0 .... Peter Hobbs
7 2623 JIMSTER 6 (F,S) C Nash 11-10-0 .... J Kavanagh
8 515F TOMPET 7 (G) N Twiston-Davies 7-10-0 .... C Llewellyn
9 12-3 FINAL SPRING 223 (G) Mrs J Breese 9-10-0 .... R Supple
10 P-2P CORRAVORRIN 16 (C,F) S Christian 8-10-0 .... M A Fitzgerald
11 3034 BOLD IN COMBAT 6 (B,C,F,G) T Casey 10-10-0 .... D Bridgwater
12 P034 SIR NODDY 16 (D,F) C Vernon Miller 10-10-0 .... M Hourigan (3)
13 0/50 SPIRITED HOLME 8 (F,G) D Williams 8-10-0 .... R Davis (5)
14 0U30 VALASSY 16 (C,G,S) J Edwards 10-10-0 .... N Williamson

Evens Do Be Brief, 11-2 Boraceva, 6-1 Buddy Holly, 7-1 Tompet, 10-1 Chancery Buck, 12-1 Corravorrin, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Miss C Saunders, 4 winners from 8 runners, 50.0%; R Thompson, 3 from 8, 37.5%; Mrs J Pitman, 14 from 53, 26.4%; O Brennan, 13 from 53, 24.5%; Mrs I McKie, 15 from 67, 22.4%; J Old, 8 from 36, 22.2%.
JOCKEYS: Mr R Russell, 4 winners from 6 rides, 66.7%; M Pitman, 10 from 34, 29.4%; M Brennan, 12 from 41, 29.3%; R Beggan, 10 from 54, 18.5%; T Wall, 4 from 26, 15.4%; R Dunwoody, 21 from 140, 15%.

3.10 CONNELL WILSON HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,304: 2m) (6)

1 2121 STRATH ROYAL 17 (CD,F,G,S) O Brennan 7-11-10 .... M Brennan
2 0256 KING WILLIAM 13 (CD,F) J Spearing 8-11-9 .... R Dunwoody
3 411 WHO'S TEF 15 (D,F) M H Easterby 5-11-6 .... L Wyer
4 3602 ASARGAR 21 (D,F) J Smith 7-10-8 .... R Beggan
5 03P2 ALOSAILI 16 (D,G) B Stevens 6-10-7 .... M Stevens (7)
6 2000 JAMESTOWN BOY 14 (D,F,G,S) B Preece 5-10-0 .... T Wall

6-4 Who's Tef, 3-1 King William, 4-1 Strath Royal, 13-2 Asargar, 8-1 Alosaili, 16-1 Jamestown Boy.

3.40 BROADWAY STAMPINGS HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,898: 2m 110yd) (8)

1 1525 BOSTON ROVER 15 (CD,BF,F,G,S) O Brennan 8-11-10 .... M Brennan
2 6-P1 CORRARDER 28 (D,F,G) J Old 9-11-4 .... Mr J Smyth-Osbourne
3 3212 STARLAP 8 (H,CD,F) R Hodges 9-10-5 .... R Dunwoody
4 1524 MISTER FEATHERS 17 (CD,F,G) J King 12-10-4 .... D Leahy (5)
5 1815 POLDER 8 (D,F,G) D Williams 7-10-3 .... R Davis (5)
6 2020 THEY ALL FORGOT ME 7 (V,CD,F,G) T Casey 6-10-2 .... A Maguire
7 0PPP DAMCADA 13 D Wintle 5-10-0 .... W Marston (3)
8 D6U0 NORMEAD LASS 34 Miss P Hall 5-10-0 .... R Marley

5-4 Starlap, 7-2 Corrarder, 9-2 Boston Rover, 6-1 Mister Feathers, 8-1 Polder, 12-1 others.

4.10 POMFRET HUNTER CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,276: 3m 1f) (11)

1 P111 ASSAGLAWI 9 (D,F,G) Miss H Knight 11-12-7 .... Miss A Dare (5)
2 13FU GAELIC CHERRY 6 (D,F,G) D Fletcher 10-12-7 .... J Wingfield Digby (7)
3 -F21 TEAPLANTER 31 (CD,F,G,S) Miss C Saunders 10-12-7 .... R Russell (5)
4 PP21 CARRICKMINES 14 (F) L Bowles 8-12-4 .... T Jones (5)
5 12 THE MALAKARMA 58 (G) Mrs I McKie 7-12-4 .... I McKie (3)
6 34-2 GOOD WATERS 17 (C,D,G,S) W Warner 13-12-0 .... J Sharp (5)
7 P/ NORTHERN SOCIETY 1204 Peter Scott 10-12-0 .... J Hankinson (7)
8 0-05 PEACH LEAF 17 (V,C,G) N Pewter 12-12-0 .... G Pewter (7)
9 P/04 TRUE HOLLOW 8 Mrs P Pile 11-12-0 .... S Pile (7)
10 32F/ WRITE THE MUSIC 1499F (B,S) V Lloyd-Davies 12-12-0 .... D Esden (7)
11 0/U- BLAKELIN 589 Mrs S Gull 7-11-9 .... N Bradley (7)

11-10 Teaplanter, 7-2 Assaglawi, 8-1 Good Waters, 10-1 Carrickmines, 12-1 Gaelic Cherry, 14-1 Write The Music, 16-1 others.

4.40 PATTISHALL NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,480: 2m) (9)

1 4182 MARSH'S LAW 9 (G,S) O Brennan 6-12-0 .... M Brennan
2 P/1P SINGING GOLD 20 (CD,S) H Sawyer 7-11-7 .... V Smith
3 3361 ROC COLOR 1 (V,S) C Brooks 4-11-9 .... G Bradley
4 PP4P JON'S CHOICE 16 (B) B Preece 5-11-0 .... T Wall
5 -623 MANABOUTTHEHOUSE 15 Mrs I McKie 6-11-0 .... L Harvey
6 PPPF CANDWINDRA 25 (B) C Jones 8-10-9 .... M Bosley
7 0632 MUTUAL AGREEMENT 24 R Frost 6-10-9 .... J Frost
8 04 EXCELLED 85 C Drewe 4-10-4 .... J Railton
9 00 IN THE GAME 35 Miss A Whitfield 4-10-4 .... S McNeill

7-4 Roc Color, 7-2 Manabouttehouse, 5-1 Marsh's Law, 6-1 Mutual Agreement, 10-1 Singing Gold, 14-1 Excelled, Jon's Choice, 20-1 others.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: All engagements (dead). Plentiful, Busky Boy, The Red One, Oriel Boy, Bixio, The Charge, Abernethy Pearl, Crown Green, Absonal, Phantom Folly, Members' Revenge.

PONTEFRACT

THUNDERER

6.45 Dance Of The Swans. 7.10 Causley. 7.35 Pondering. 8.05 Wordsmith. 8.35 Westfield Moves. 9.05 Quaver.

GOING: GOOD   SIS
DRAW: 6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.45 FRIENDS OF THE NORTHERN RACING SCHOOL FILLIES CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,231: 6f) (7 runners)

1 11 DANCE OF THE SWANS 13 (G,S) Mrs M Reveley 8-13 .... K Darley 5
2 16 LAMBENT 24 (S) E Weymes 8-13 .... L Dettori 3
3 14 WOO 7 (G) M Tompkins 8-13 .... P Robinson 6
4 1202 CYARNA QUINN 8 (S) M Channon 8-9 .... G Duffield 7
5 4 INTERNATIONAL STAR 6 W O'Gorman 8-9 .... Emma O'Gorman (3) 1
6 SPRING SENSATION Mrs V Aconley 8-9 .... O Pears (5) 4
7 TAUFELIANE J Harris 8-9 .... Dean McKeown 2

2-1 Dance Of The Swans, 7-2 Woo, 9-2 Cyarna Quinn, 5-1 International Star, 7-1 Lambent, 14-1 Taufeliane, 33-1 Spring Sensation.

7.10 COURSE BOOKMAKERS CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,406: 1m 4yd) (13)

1 0202 NO SUBMISSION 2 (D,G,S) D Chapman 7-9-3 .... S Wood 9
2 3-00 CAUSLEY 9 (CD,F,G,S) B McMahon 8-8-13 .... L Dettori 10
3 421 DELPIOMBO 11 (D,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-8-12 .... K Fallon 8
4 5-2 AMLAK 38 J Banks 4-8-11 .... J Quinn 6
5 -300 COMMON COUNCIL 20 (B,D,F,G) M Hammond 4-8-9 .... G Duffield 6
6 3344 SILVER SAMURAI 109 (D,F,G) Mrs V Aconley 4-8-9 .... O Pears (5) 7
7 00-0 AFFIRMED'S DESTINY 34 W Clay 4-8-7 .... Darren Moffatt (5) 11
8 BROWNED OFF 71J Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-7 .... M Roberts 13
9 50 HERBRAND 7 M H Easterby 4-8-7 .... M Birch 2
10 -000 MASTAMIST 21 R Voorspuy 4-8-7 .... P Robinson 1
11 3034 PREMIER DANCE 82 (G) D Haydn Jones 6-8-7 .... A Mackay 3
12 300- NIMBLE DEER 325 J Glover 4-8-6 .... Dean McKeown 4
13 -206 MUMMYS ROCKET 22 A Bailey 4-8-2 .... M Fenton (5) 12

11-4 No Submission, 7-2 Causley, 5-1 Common Council, 6-1 Delpiombo, 8-1 Nimble Deer, 10-1 Silver Samurai, 12-1 Mummy's Rocket, 14-1 others.

7.35 WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP
(£3,392: 1m 4f 8yd) (16)

1 1-53 SALU 10 (B,D,G,S) J Etherington 4-9-10 .... G Duffield 4
2 0341 EIRE LEATH-SCEAL 10 (D,F,G) M Brittain 6-9-8 (5ex) .... M Wigham 3
3 030- MOUJEEB 218 M Stoute 3-9-7 .... W R Swinburn 8
4 4050 BRECKENBROUGH LAD 14 (S) T Barron 6-9-7 .... K Darley 5
5 40-2 IN TRUTH 10 (D,F,S) J Leigh 5-9-6 .... L Dettori 14
6 -536 JAMES IS SPECIAL 8 (D,G) H Collingridge 5-9-5 .... J Quinn 12
7 1402 ATLANTIC WAY 11 (D,F,G) C Hill 5-9-3 .... P Robinson 10
8 -060 EXPLOSIVE SPEED 31 (D,F) M Hammond 5-9-2 .... Dean McKeown 7
9 6140 PONDERING 13 (V,CD,S) S Dow 3-8-13 .... M Roberts 15
10 -004 MASTER OF THE ROCK 10 Mrs P Barker 4-8-12 .... N Connorton 16
11 -440 INDIAN TERRITORY 13 (V) D Haydn Jones 4-8-11 .... A Mackay 1
12 6-00 HIGHLAND FLAME 21 A Lee 4-8-4 .... Dale Gibson 6
13 200- BOLD AMBITION 46J (B) T Kersey 6-8-4 .... S Maloney (3) 11
14 006- TAURIAN PRINCESS 14J W Clay 4-8-2 .... Darren Moffatt (5) 9
15 -043 BEAUMOOD 13 (V,D,F,G,S) E Alston 7-8-2 .... K Fallon 2
16 00-0 TEN HIGH 59 J Dooler 4-7-10 .... L Charnock 13

5-1 Atlantic Way, 6-1 Moujeeb, 7-1 In Truth, Eire Leath-Sceal, 8-1 Salu, 10-1 Pondering, 12-1 Master Of The Rock, 14-1 others.

8.05 TOTE HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £4,110: 1m 4yd) (13)

1 40-0 SWEET ROMEO 15 (F) M Johnston 9-7 .... Dean McKeown 3
2 -362 DOC COTTRILL 8 (S) Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 .... K Fallon 1
3 33-0 PRINCESS TATEUM 27 M Channon 8-13 .... G Duffield 5
4 0-46 BEAUMONT 14 J Pearce 8-11 .... M Wigham 12
5 00-0 BLAKES BEAU 51 M H Easterby 8-5 .... M Birch 13
6 5324 MISTER BLAKE 13 (B,D,G) W O'Gorman 8-3 .... Emma O'Gorman (3) 11
7 2366 WORDSMITH 14 Mrs J Ramsden 8-1 .... M Roberts 8
8 -603 WOLF POWER 14 T Thomson Jones 8-1 .... K Darley 7
9 -020 CARDINAL DOGWOOD 31 (V) M Brittain 7-13 .... J Quinn 2
10 60-3 GWEEK 21 M Tompkins 7-10 .... P Robinson 6
11 00-0 NORLING 34 (G) N Tinkler 7-9 .... L Charnock 9
12 00-5 LOWRIANNA 32 (C,F) D Haydn Jones 7-7 .... A Mackay 4
13 00-2 SOOJAMA 55 R Voorspuy 7-7 .... B Doyle (3) 10

7-2 Doc Cottrill, 5-1 Wolf Power, 6-1 Gweek, 7-1 Mister Blake, 8-1 Wordsmith, 10-1 Soojama, 12-1 Beaumont, Norling, 14-1 others.

8.35 CORAL HANDICAP (£3,366: 1m 2f 6yd) (19)

1 414- WESTHOLME 118J (D,F,S) M H Easterby 5-10-0 .... S Maloney (3) 18
2 2360 GOLDEN TORQUE 10 (D,F,G,S) R Bastiman 6-9-11 .... H Bastiman (7) 3
3 -064 VASILIEV 21 (B,G) J Leigh 5-9-6 .... L Dettori 19
4 5-02 EMPEROR ALEXANDER 91J (D,G) J Glover 5-9-4 .... S D Williams (3) 8
5 4001 THEMAAM 18 (G) T Thomson Jones 4-9-4 .... D Biggs 6
6 4153 WESTFIELD MOVES 20 (CD,F,G) H Collingridge 5-9-3 .... J Quinn 16
7 5830 KATY'S LAD 38 (CD,F,G,S) B McMahon 6-9-2 .... J Fortune 13
8 5236 MARTINI EXECUTIVE 15J (B,F,G) B Wilkinson 5-9-2 .... O Pears (5) 7
9 0-00 BENTICO 18 (D,F) M Jarvis 4-8-10 .... P Robinson 1
10 0465 FALCONS DAWN 7J (CD,F,S) L Codd 6-8-9 .... J Carroll 5
11 -400 BALZINO 34 Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-8 .... K Fallon 11
12 500 BRANDON GROVE 27 T Barron 5-8-5 .... Dean McKeown 9
13 52-0 ESSAYEFFSEE 44 Mrs M Reveley 4-8-5 .... K Darley 15
14 100- TELEPHUS 212 (D,F) B McMath 4-8-4 .... E Johnson 10
15 400- GALLANT JACK 270 D Haydn Jones 4-8-2 .... A Mackay 4
16 0-00 SPRAY OF ORCHIDS 20 (D,G,S) J Etherington 4-8-1 .... G Duffield 12
17 -300 TENDRESSE 25 (C,D,F,G,S) C Hill 5-8-1 .... M Roberts 14
18 0-50 VENTURE FOURTH 2 E Alston 4-8-0 .... S Wood 17
19 5014 SWEET REVIVAL 25 (CD,S) J Glover 5-7-13 .... J Fanning 2

9-2 Themaam, 6-1 Westfield Moves, 7-1 Westholme, 8-1 Sweet Revival, 10-1 Katy's Lad, 12-1 Emperor Alexander, Bentico, 14-1 others.

9.05 BROOKE GROUP MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,348: 6f) (5)

1 GRANVILLE CORNER J Toller 9-0 .... Dale Gibson 2
2 5- MIDHISH 380 B Hanbury 9-0 .... W R Swinburn 5
3 0 COLFAX CLASSIC 21 B Rothwell 8-9 .... J Fortune 1
4 4- QUAVER 218 J Gosden 8-9 .... M Roberts 4
5 SOBA UP J Etherington 8-9 .... K Darley 3

4-6 Quaver, 11-4 Midhish, 12-1 Granville Corner, 16-1 Soba Up, 20-1 Colfax Classic.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: S Dow, 3 winners from 4 runners, 75.0%; J Toller, 3 from 11, 27.3%; Mrs M Reveley, 13 from 58, 22.4%; W O'Gorman, 4 from 20, 20.0%; B Hanbury, 5 from 26, 19.2%; M Tompkins, 15 from 84, 17.9%.
JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 13 winners from 57 rides, 22.8%; M Roberts, 17 from 76, 22.4%; W R Swinburn, 8 from 40, 20%; K Darley, 23 from 148, 15.5%; P Robinson, 4 from 28, 14.3%; N Connorton, 8 from 57, 14.0%.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Brighton

Going: firm

2.00 (5f 213yd) 1, Classic Sky (W R Swinburn, 8-15 fav); 2, Nakita (14-1); 3, Alcove (9-4). 5 ran. Nk, 7l. B Hanbury. Tote: £1.40; £1.00, £4.80. DF: £4.10. CSF: £6.80.

2.30 (6f 209yd) 1, Suntara (M Roberts, 7-2); 2, Princess Hayley (3-1); 3, Golden Guest (11-8 fav). 9 ran. Hd, 2l. B Hills. Tote: £3.50; £1.80, £1.30, £1.10. DF: £6.90. CSF: £12.79. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.00 (5f 213yd) 1, Connect (B Rouse, 5-2); 2, Benfleet (9-1); 3, Sun Chief (5-4 fav). 6 ran. 5l, 3l. B Meehan. Tote: £3.40; £2.60, £1.60. DF: £10.10. CSF: £20.40.

3.30 (7f 214yd) 1, Deevee (C Rutter, 9-2); 2, North Esk (13-2); 3, Proud Brigadier (3-1 fav). 9 ran. Sh hd, 5l. C Benstead. Tote: £4.80; £1.60, £2.60, £2.20. DF: £19.00. CSF: £32.87. Tricast: £94.22. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

4.00 (1m 3f 196yd) 1, Ragtime Song (T Quinn, 11-1); 2, Fanatical (5-1); 3, Princess Evita (5-1). Rubidian 11-4 fav. 14 ran. 3l, ¾l. R Akehurst. Tote: £18.00; £3.70, £1.80, £1.70. DF: £20.80. CSF: £85.91. Tricast: £293.04. Sold to A Moore for 3,000gns.

4.30 (5f 213yd) 1, Sakharov (P Robinson, 9-4 fav); 2, Farmer Jock (12-1); 3, Sure Lord (12-1). 8 ran. Nk, 4l. M Jarvis. Tote: £2.80; £1.40, £2.40, £3.70. DF: £19.00. CSF: £24.75. Tricast: £235.27.

Placepot: £74.70.

Carlisle

Going: good

2.20 (1m 4f) 1, Funny Choice (O Pears, 6-1); 2, Mountain Willow (9-4 fav); 3, Palacegate Sunset (100-30). 6 ran. ¾l, 2l. P Monteith. Tote: £6.80; £2.70, £1.70. DF: £10.20. CSF: £17.97.

2.50 (7f 214yd) 1, Cool Enough (A Mackay, 12-1); 2, Touch Above (8-1); 3, Express Gift (7-2 fav); 4, Lawnswood Junior (8-1). 18 ran. NR: Kick On Majestic. 1½l, 1½l. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £20.00; £4.10, £2.50, £1.30, £2.50. DF: £175.30. CSF: £103.72. Tricast: £382.73.

3.20 (7f 214yd) 1, Bainaha (M Hills, 5-2); 2, Al Shaati (8-1); 3, Crystal Reay (85-40 fav). 10 ran. Hd, 1l. G Wragg. Tote: £3.60; £1.10, £3.20, £1.30. DF: £24.90. CSF: £21.39. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.50 (6f 206yd) 1, Chantry Bellini (N Carlisle, 10-1); 2, Kick On Majestic (25-1); 3, Celestine (20-1). Sucanna's Secret 7-2 fav. 13 ran. NR: Dandy Desire. 3l, 1l. C Thornton. Tote: £12.30; £3.20, £8.50, £5.50. DF: £620.50. CSF: £203.84. Tricast: £4,383.97.

4.20 (5f) 1, Slades Hill (R Cochrane, 9-2); 2, Coconut Johnny (4-1 jt-fav); 3, Trevorsninepoints (4-1 jt-fav). 13 ran. 1l, ¾l. T Barron. Tote: £6.10; £1.70; £1.90, £2.10. DF: £13.00. CSF: £22.34.

4.50 (1m 6f 32yd) 1, Gray Power (K Darley, 7-1); 2, West With The Wind (9-1); 3, Continuity (4-1). Broggamaid 2-1 fav. 7 ran. NR: Chadwick's Ginger. Nk, 1½l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £5.40; £2.70, £3.40. DF: £35.30. CSF: £57.93. Tricast: £259.26.

Placepot: £1,281.20.

Hereford

Going: soft

2.10 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Manaree (D Murphy, 2-5 fav); 2, Grain Merchant (10-1); 3, Captain Mannering (33-1). 11 ran. NR: Briggs Lad, Singing Detective, Prospect Of Whitby, Ice Walk. 12l, 8l. N Callaghan. Tote: £1.50; £1.20, £1.10, £3.50. DF: £3.60. CSF: £6.40.

2.40 (2m 3f ch) 1, Little Tom (M Hourigan, 9-4); 2, The Leggett (4-1); 3, August Folly (14-1). Northern Jinks 7-4 fav. 9 ran. 2l, 2½l. J King. Tote: £3.40; £1.70, £2.00, £3.30. DF: £9.30. CSF: £11.99. Tricast: £96.67.

3.10 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Johnstad (Diane Clay, 12-1); 2, Comedy River (10-1); 3, Show The Flag (9-2); 4, Its All Over Now (20-1). Loch Dutch 5-2 fav. 18 ran. NR: Nearctic Bay, Saint Bene't, Early Breeze, Rip The Calico. 1½l, 1½l. W Clay. Tote: £12.90; £1.90, £1.90, £1.40, £4.90. DF: £30.40. CSF: £125.22. Tricast: £581.74.

3.40 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Pardon Me Mum (J McCarthy, 4-1); 2, The Black Monk (11-4); 3, Tarkovsky (7-1). Secret Liason 9-4 fav. 7 ran. NR: Hanham. 5l, 5l. K Bailey. Tote: £4.60; £2.60, £2.00. DF: £6.00. CSF: £15.59. Tricast: £69.21.

4.10 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, K C's Dancer (A Maguire, 9-2); 2, Mr Mayfair (2-1); 3, Over The Stream (11-10 fav). 5 ran. NR: Horcum. 15l, 1½l. R Dickin. Tote: £5.00; £1.90, £1.10. DF: £5.80. CSF: £13.42.

4.40 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Roc Color (G Bradley, 13-8 fav); 2, Court Circular (6-1); 3, Coochie (50-1). 8 ran. Sh hd, 25l. C Brooks. Tote: £2.50; £1.20, £2.80, £11.30. DF: £12.20. CSF: £11.58. Tricast: £316.67.

5.10 (2m 1f flat) 1, Finally Fantazia (Miss K Holmes, 50-1); 2, Coney Road (100-30); 3, She's No Nun (10-1). Rue Balzac 5-2 fav. 17 ran. 1½, 3½l. Mrs I McKie. Tote: £82.70; £9.70, £1.70, £2.60. DF: £98.70. CSF: £216.92.

Placepot: £33.30.

Wednesday's late details

Newbury

Going: good to soft

6.20 (5f 34yd) 1, Governor George (L Piggott, 5-1); 2, Craggenmore (20-1); 3, Dollar Gamble (11-2). Chel d'Etal 9-2 fav. 17 ran. NR: Batting Blue, Regal Rambler, Raisa Point. 1½l, 3½l. R Hannon. Tote: £5.10; £2.60, £6.40, £2.40. DF: £68.40. Trio: £223.90. CSF: £87.11.

6.50 (1m 4f 5yd) 1, Supreme Master (Pat Eddery, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Mr Geneaology (4-1 jt-fav); 3, Flaming Miracle (12-1). 14 ran. 1l, 2l. R Hannon. Tote: £4.20; £1.70, £2.00, £3.80. DF: £4.70. Trio: £91.00. CSF: £19.34.

7.20 (6f 8yd) 1, Domicksky (W Carson, 10-1); 2, Face North (9-2 fav); 3, Lousville Belle (25-1); 4, Acara (33-1). 18 ran. NR: Zeboim. 1l, nk. M Channon. Tote: £9.50; £2.40, £1.60, £4.30, £22.50. DF: £23.30. Trio: £513.80. CSF: £51.76. Tricast: £1,028.39.

7.50 (1m 5f 61yd) 1, Western Dynasty (P McCabe, 20-1); 2, Dare To Dream (11-2 jt-fav); 3, Broughton's Tango (13-2); 4, Prosequendo (20-1). Acrobate 11-2 jt-fav. 18 ran. NR: Disputed Call, Noble Society. 5l, ½l. M Ryan. Tote: £32.90; £4.60, £1.80, £1.90, £9.00. DF: £293.90. Trio: £555.60. CSF: £123.61. Tricast: £749.93.

8.20 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, Young Senor (M Hills, 10-1); 2, Anne Bonny (5-1); 3, Mesleh (9-4 fav). 9 ran. 2½l, 1l. G Wragg. Tote: £15.00, £2.80, £1.60, £1.80. DF: £56.90. Trio: £28.10. CSF: £52.40.

8.50 (7f 64yd) 1, Morocco (Paul Eddery, 12-1); 2, Cheveux Mitchell (5-1 jt-fav); 3, Lord Alfie (66-1). Millsolin 5-1 jt-fav. 13 ran. NR: Helios, Call The Bureau. Sh hd, Sh hd. R Charlton. Tote: £17.80; £3.60, £1.80, £14.80. DF: £8.80. Trio: £528.10. CSF: £83.60. Tricast: £3,410.68.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £70,524.08 carried forward to Haydock Park today).

Placepot: £106.90

Ripon

Going: good

6.45 (1m) 1, Anusha (J Fortune, 2-1 fav); 2, Amengue (7-2); 3, Most Siousdable (20-1). 12 ran. 2½l, sh hd. J Berry. Tote: £2.60; £1.20, £1.70, £6.60. DF: £5.30. CSF: £9.44.

7.10 (5f) 1, Ya Malak (R Cochrane, 8-11 fav); 2, Fast Eddy (3-1); 3, Kaydaraj (12-1). 13 ran. 3½l, 2l. J Payne. Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £1.70, £2.70. DF: £1.90. CSF: £3.69.

7.35 (6f) 1, For The Present (K Darley, 10-1); 2, Formidable Luz (12-1); 3, Pine Ridge Lad (14-1). Covent Garden Girl 2-1 fav. 15 ran. Hd, 1½l. T Barron. Tote: £15.10; £4.40, £2.80, £3.90. DF: £119.60. CSF: £118.95. Tricast: £1,549.64.

8.05 (1m) 1, Habeta (J Lowe, 7-1); 2, Jahangir (12-1); 3, MCA Below The Line (11-1); 4, Lord Lambson (25-1). Lady Donoghue 13-8 fav. 16 ran. 1l, ¾l. J Watts. Tote: £6.90; £1.40, £3.30, £2.20, £4.60. DF: £62.10. CSF: £92.93. Tricast: £674.01.

8.35 (1m 2f) 1, Refugio (W Ryan, 7-2); 2, Like The Sun (11-1); 3, Civil Law (12-1). Mount Fuji 100-30 fav. 17 ran. NR: Jupiter Star. 2l, nk. H Cecil. Tote: £3.70; £1.90, £2.70, £2.30. DF: £21.40. CSF: £41.67.

9.05 (2m) 1, Taroudant (K Darley, 3-1); 2, Shujan (5-2 fav); 3, Cost Effective (10-1). 10 ran. NR: Chantry Barrie. Sh hd, 2l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £4.40; £2.00, £2.00, £1.50. DF: £6.50. Trio: £406.50. CSF: £11.00. Tricast: £60.61.

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Lathwell strengthens case for Test call

TAUNTON (first day of four: Glamorgan won toss): Glamorgan, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 51 runs behind Somerset

THE England selectors may feel they know all they need to know about Mark Lathwell. Enough to have had no need of putting him on trial against Australia last week. What they will hear in time for their convention on Sunday is a report from Arthur Milton detailing how he came to make 84 out of 105 while Glamorgan's seam bowlers accounted for everyone else. It was so good an innings that they will probably hear about it *ad nauseam*.

In addition to his undoubted talent, Lathwell is also renowned for his homespun charm. He admitted yesterday he would rather be playing for Somerset than watching for England, which is as near as he will come to saying that he might have been given a game or two in the Texaco Trophy. His time will come, and if this innings is anything to go by, pretty soon.

When he reached his half-century, it was out of 55. His first 70 runs were made out of 75. When he was out, 16 short of a century before lunch, the total was not much more than that.

Harold Gimblett used to make a fair percentage of Somerset's runs, having a sluggish opening partner, but their cricket was more rustic then. The pitch here played better than its verdant appearance would suggest, but there was movement and lift for the seamers none the less.

So it was a good toss to win. Richards may have been mollified by being made an honorary life member of Somerset, but Lefebvre, released by them before the end of last season, had a point or two to make. This he did by constantly beating his old captain, Tavaré, before having him leg-before. He also knocked out Harden's off stump.

Lathwell was unperturbed. He has seen more drinks trays than seam bowling over the past week, yet there was no telling that he lacked first-team cricket. Like the England captain on Wednesday, he felt the need to go back to basics, and with rather more success. He made 127 for Somerset's second XI on Monday, and carried on in that manner yesterday.

If the ball was not flicked away to the square-leg boundary, it was being struck past cover off the back foot. They say Gimblett used to bat like that. Lathwell is now at a stage where comparisons will be frequent and odious, but he is the last person to be moved by them. When he was well taken at the wicket off Watkin, he had faced 117 balls and timed each of his 11 fours to perfection.

The rest of the batting was not distinctive of the decent side Somerset now possess. Folland was sent back by Burns when there looked to be another run for the taking, and run out by some way. Indeed, wickets fell with swift regularity until Van Troost, whose batting is, shall we say, untutored, helped Caddick add 24 for the last wicket. Watkin, the very bowler for these conditions, finished with four for 45.

Thereafter, Glamorgan batted with more rather more application. Morris, missed in the slips when on five, finished with a half-century and a few bruises besides. Caddick rearranged his visor and Van Troost was decidedly quick, ultimately removing both openers, one taken at first slip, the other at second. The highest compliment that could be paid to Maynard was that some of his strokes, especially his driving of Mushtaq Ahmed, were worthy of Lathwell himself. There was the full range of tricks from Mushtaq, and rather more googlies than leg-breaks. Several of these turned, but they did not always receive the respect they deserved.

Whereas Morris worked the ball around the square in the manner of the worthy accumulator that he is, Maynard drove with rare timing. He remains to bat today, as, of course, does Richards, who professed that he had enjoyed Lathwell's innings as much as anyone. It was, all in all, a compelling day's cricket.

Iggleden displays fine form for Kent

DARLINGTON (first day of four: Kent won toss): Kent, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 67 runs behind Durham

ALAN Iggleden took the chance to impress the watching England committee observer, Philip Sharpe, by destroying the Durham batting at Darlington yesterday.

The Kent fast bowler, who won his only cap in the last Test match against Australia at the Oval in 1989, took six for 58 on a helpful pitch after Durham had been put in.

Durham collapsed from 110 for two to 160 all out and then put down two catches as Kent replied with 93 for two.

Iggleden maintained impressive accuracy throughout spells of 15 and 16 overs in carrying an attack that overwise carried little threat.

Larkins, who hit eight fours and a straight six in his 54, shared a third-wicket partnership of 80 with Bainbridge before three wickets fell in six balls. Botham quickly followed, skying a catch to mid-off, and the previously wayward McCague polished off the tail.

Kent made batting look much easier with Benson and Ward putting on 53 for the first wicket.

☐ Surrey unveiled a commemorative brick sculpture to the achievements of Sir Leonard Hutton at the Oval yesterday.

Sir Leonard, who died in September 1990, scored 364 against Australia at the Oval in 1938, and 50 years later played an important role in saving the ground when patron of the Save The Oval appeal.

The sculptor, Walter Ritchie, has also produced a marble scorechart of the innings, indicating how Sir Leonard made his runs, and this is set in the wall by the effigy at the Hobbs Gates.

Sussex strike Williams on his good day

BY JACK BAILEY

LORD'S (first day of four: Sussex won toss): Middlesex, with all first-inning wickets in hand, are 141 runs behind Sussex

ALAN Wells, the Sussex captain, probably had some misgivings when he decided to bat in dank and dismal conditions. If so, they were well founded. During three bursts from the Nursery End, Neil Williams, the Middlesex seam bowler, moved the ball sharply down the slope, had the Sussex right-handers groping and edging, and finished with six for 61 from 19 overs in which he troubled everyone.

The damp conditions aided movement off the seam and at times Williams was bowling what amounted to quick leg breaks to the right-hander. He was aided by some slick catching behind the stumps — John Carr caught two at second slip and had a hand in another, finally accepted by Emburey — and by some indeterminate batting.

Only Athey, initially, Smith, left-handedly, and Stephenson, eccentrically but forcefully, coped with Williams. He is rising 31 and is likely to remain a one-cap wonder. His only Test match was against India in 1990, and he has performed with venom only spasmodically for Middlesex since then. But yesterday the signs were right.

It was the sort of day when even the most reluctant trundler would have been happy to be tossed the ball. Emburey obtained enough purchase to turn more than the occasional delivery; Cowans, bowling in his first championship match since September 1991 at Chelmsford, picked up a couple of cheap wickets.

Sadly, Angus Fraser still looked psychologically, if not physically, impaired by his long-standing injury. It was also a fruitless day for Tufnell, who bowled but one over.

Despite the early loss of Lenham, Sussex, through Athey and Smith, gave few early signs of the collapse to come. Those two batted solidly after Lenham had edged Williams to Carr, who took a swift, low catch easily. Athey is already promising to become the rock Sussex so desperately need, but after batting with Smith for 14 overs he became Carr's second victim. By now, Carr was fielding at close forward short leg to Cowans.

After Smith had appeared to be surprised by a ball from Emburey which turned and beat the outside of his bat, the gates were open. Only Stephenson, coming in on a hat-trick at 71 for six and barely surviving as he swung and missed at Williams, was equal to the occasion. Hemmings accompanied him nobly as he applied himself.

Stephenson is ungainly. He plays according to a textbook not yet written. But he was invaluable in his determination not to be brow beaten. Emburey tied him in knots. He had his hazardous times against Williams and Fraser. But he reached his half-century from 97 balls, and when he was ninth out for 60 he had battled it out for over two hours and had hit seven fours.

In next to no time, Stephenson was marking out his run with great deliberation and bowling to Haynes and Roseberry, who saw out the ten overs remaining before rain and gloom descended. The weather cost 27 overs yesterday, but with Stephenson and Gatting on the field together, it would be wondrous if a full day's play were completed in the allotted span.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



One of the eight: Tim Zoehrer catches Graham Thorpe at the Oval yesterday, one of his six catches and two stumpings in the innings. Report, page 48

SPORT IN BRIEF

Forest agree to let Keane move on

NOTTINGHAM Forest yesterday agreed to release Roy Keane, their Ireland international midfield player (Dennis Shaw writes). Numerous prospective purchasers have immediately begun enquiries, in spite of the minimum transfer fees quoted by Forest of £3.5 million for a domestic move and £5 million to go abroad, with the Premier League champions, Manchester United, big-spending Blackburn Rovers, Aston Villa and Italy's Sampdoria among the keenest to sign him.

It was Forest's relegation from the Premier League that prompted Keane to implement the escape clause in his new contract. After seeing Frank Clark, the Forest manager, at the City Ground yesterday, Keane said: "It is purely down to the fact that I don't want to play in the first division. My mind was made up a month ago when we were relegated. Had we stayed up, I would have remained at Forest."

Bryan Small, of Aston Villa, is a doubtful starter for England Under-21 in their Uefa championship match with Poland in Jastrzebie tomorrow. The defender injured a foot in training.

European Cup places

ATHLETICS: Liz McColgan and Eamonn Martin will lead Britain's assault on the European Cup title by running the 10,000 metres in Rome next month. The pair have also been guaranteed 10,000m places at the world championships in Stuttgart in August. McColgan, who will be defending her 10,000m crown in Stuttgart, hopes to bounce back from her disappointments in the world cross country championships and the London Marathon in her first European Cup. Martin, the London Marathon winner, will be defending the title he won in Frankfurt two years ago. The rest of the European Cup team will be announced on June 14.

Steve Backley will lead Britain's field athletes against Hungary and Italy at Portsmouth on June 5. The Olympic javelin bronze medal winner will be joined by Jon Edwards, the World Cup triple jump champion, and Dalton Grant, the winner of the high jump at the European Cup.

Sporting appointment

SPORTS POLITICS: Iain Sproat, the MP for Harwich, yesterday became minister for sport in succession to Robert Key, who has moved to the transport ministry in the government reshuffle (John Goodbody writes). Sproat's appointment as junior heritage minister will delight everyone in cricket, because he annually edits *The Cricketers' Who's Who*, a compendium of biographies and statistics. Sproat, 54, has had a varied parliamentary career, including 13 years as MP in Aberdeen, and has also written several humorous books.

Charlton seeks meeting

FOOTBALL: Jack Charlton, the Ireland manager, arrived back in Dublin from Albania in the early hours of yesterday morning with another win under his belt and a problem to confront (Peter Ball writes). The two points Ireland gained from their unexpectedly difficult match in Tirana keep them on course for qualification for the 1994 World Cup finals, level on points with Spain with a game in hand before next month's visits to Latvia and Lithuania, but Charlton is now seeking a meeting with Paul McGrath, who failed to join the Irish party for the trip to Albania.

Struggle for Hampton

ROWING: Hampton, the 1992 champions, are drawn in the tougher semi-final of the championship eights at the national schools regatta at Nottingham tomorrow (Mike Rosewell writes). They have to finish in the first three of six crews to progress to the final and their heat includes Eton and Radley, both of whom beat them last weekend, and King's Chester, the runners-up in 1992. In the other semi-final, Kingston Grammar, winners of the Schools Head, should progress, as should an experienced St Edwards crew, which includes two 1992 Great Britain juniors.

Leigh face eviction

RUGBY LEAGUE: The fate of Leigh hangs in the balance today. An immediate eviction order will be served unless the former chairman, Keith Bell, who owns Hilton Park, agrees to one of several conditional offers put this week to a meeting of creditors. Another club with financial difficulties, London Crusaders, has been locked out of its offices at Crystal Palace by its landlord, the Sports Council, because of non-payment of rent. The action is likely to hasten the second division club's likely move to the Copthall stadium in Barnet, one of several possible new homes.

Season starts in style

WATER SKIING: The Carlsberg Export Masters at Kirtons Resort, Reading, this weekend promises an auspicious start to the season with Patrice Martin, the double world champion, heading a cast of more than 50 of Europe's leading competitors (Jane Elliott writes). But while Martin rules as a tricks skier and in the overall classification, John Battleday, of Britain, has claimed the slalom title in this event in each of the past three years. Philippa Roberts, winner of a record ten successive British overall titles, will be disappointed if she fails to retain her crown.

Truscott awaits penalty

RUGBY UNION: The South African Rugby Football Union (Sarfu) will decide what penalty to impose on Andries Truscott, the hooker, who tested positive for a banned stimulant in New Zealand after Northern Transvaal's match against North Harbour on May 7. "They [New Zealand] don't have any jurisdiction over Truscott and he will be tried according to the doping practice rules of Sarfu," Hentie Sefontein, the president of the Northern Transvaal Rugby Union and chairman of Sarfu's disciplinary tribunal, said. The Sarfu tribunal will hear Truscott's case on June 9.

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YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Durham v Kent

DARLINGTON (first day of four; Kent won toss): Kent, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 67 runs behind Durham

DURHAM: First Innings

W Larkins c Marsh b Fleming	54
J Glendenen c Marsh b Iggleden	1
P W G Parker b Headley	10
P Bainbridge lbw b Iggleden	34
J A Daley b Iggleden	0
I T Botham c Fleming b Iggleden	4
A C Cummins c Marsh b Iggleden	2
J Wood c Marsh b McCague	21
†A R Fothergill c Hooper b Iggleden	2
*D A Graveney not out	11
S J E Brown b McCague	0
Extras (lb 20, w 1)	21
Total (74.1 overs)	160

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-30, 3-110, 4-110, 5-112, 6-116, 7-125, 8-143,

BOWLING: McCague 14.1-3-43-2, Iggleden 31-8-58-6, Headley 21-10-32-1, Fleming 8-5-7-1

KENT: First Innings

T R Ward lbw b Botham	25
*M R Benson b Cummins	25
N R Taylor not out	19
R P Davis not out	2
Extras (lb 9, w 1, nb 11)	21
Total (2 wkts, 35 overs)	93

C L Hooper, N J Llong, M V Fleming, †S A Marsh, A P Iggleden, D W Headley and M J McCague to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-53, 2-75

Bonus points: Durham 0, Kent 4.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and R A White.

Somerset v Glamorgan

TAUNTON (first day of four; Glamorgan won toss): Glamorgan, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 51 runs behind Somerset.

SOMERSET: First Innings

A N Hayhurst c Matson b Watkin	0
M N Lathwell c Matson b Watkin	84
R J Harden b Lefebvre	2
*C J Tavaré lbw b Lefebvre	3
N A Folland run out	21
†N D Burns c Maynard b Frost	6
G D Rose c Maynard b Lefebvre	12
Mushtaq Ahmed c Morris b Frost	8
A R Caddick not out	35
J D Kerr b Watkin	3
A P van Troost c Maynard b Watkin	9
Extras (lb 2)	2
Total (68.2 overs)	185

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-19, 3-55, 4-105, 5-110, 6-129, 7-129, 8-147, 9-161.

BOWLING: Watkin 20.2-8-45-4; Frost 13-1-45-2; Lefebvre 23-4-50-3, Dale 11-0-42-0; Croft 1-0-1-0

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

S P James c Rose b van Troost	35
*H Morris c Tavaré b van Troost	53
A Dale not out	14
M P Maynard not out	25
Extras (b 4, lb 2, w 1)	7
Total (2 wkts, 44 overs)	134

I V A Richards, P A Cottey, R D B Croft, R P Lefebvre, †C P Metson, S L Watkin and M Frost to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-74, 2-99.

Bonus points: Somerset 0, Glamorgan 4

Umpires: D R Shepherd and P Willey.

Middlesex v Sussex

LORD'S (first day of four; Sussex won toss): Middlesex, with all first-inning wickets in hand, are 141 runs behind Sussex

SUSSEX: First Innings

N J Lenham c Carr b Williams	4
C W J Athey c Carr b Cowans	30
D M Smith b Emburey	19
*A P Wells b Emburey	5
M P Speight c Williams b Williams	10
C M Wells c Brown b Williams	3
†P Moores c Emburey b Williams	0
F D Stephenson c Carr b Cowans	60
I D K Salisbury c Brown b Williams	2
E E Hemmings not out	17
E S H Giddins b Williams	1
Extras (lb 2, nb 8)	10
Total (83 overs)	161

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-53, 3-53, 4-60, 5-71, 6-71, 7-80, 8-108, 9-158.

BOWLING: Williams 19-2-61-6; Fraser 13-1-40-0; Cowans 7-1-17-2; Emburey 23-9-37-2, Tufnell 1-0-4-0.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

D L Haynes not out	12
M A Roseberry not out	7
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (no wkt, 10.1 overs)	20

*M W Gatting, M R Ramprakash, J D Carr, †K R Brown, J E Emburey, N F Williams, A R C Fraser, P C R Tufnell and N G Cowans to bat

Bonus points: Middlesex 4, Sussex 0.

Umpires: D O Oslear and G A Stickley.

No play yesterday

DERBY: Derbyshire v Hampshire

GLOUCESTER (King's School): Gloucestershire v Worcestershire

LIVERPOOL: Lancashire v Warwickshire.

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (Second day of three): Lansbury: Middlesex 196 (Aftab Habib 66) Durham 175-9 (P N Weekes 5-47). Portsmouth: Hampshire 300-9 and 63-2, Yorkshire 201 (A P Grayson 62, D P J Flint 6-32). No play yesterday: Colchester: Somerset 277 (N Mallender 59; S J W Andrew 4-67), Essex 63-3 Hesmor: Leicestershire 126-2 v Derbyshire Walmley: Warwickshire v Lancashire.

Top crews defy conditions

ALTHOUGH the Isis was on red alert, the National Rivers Authority reluctantly allowed the top six divisions of Oxford University Summer Eights to be rowed yesterday (a Special Correspondent writes).

The fast stream ruled out the lower divisions from racing, but the river dropped during the day and a full complement may be able to take part today.

The organisers moved up the bung lines three places and ordered crews to spin above Haystacks to keep the boats well clear of the weirs.

The main confusion was the starting gun in the men's fourth division being fired 20 seconds early. It caught crews in various stages of preparedness, but the bumps made were allowed to stand.

Oriel and Somerville were again unchallenged in the men's and women's top division. Pembroke were one of five crews making bumps in the women's race and today start behind Somerville.

In the men's first division the top six crews all rowed over. Behind them Worcester continued their climb from ninth place with their second successive bump, on St John's.

New College, Worcester's victims on the opening day, fell back further when they were caught by Brasenose.

Wadham moved to the top of the second division by bumping Jesus, who started in the first division, and Trinity maintained their climb from the third.

Men

FIRST DIVISION: Worcester bpd St John's; Brasenose bpd New College

SECOND DIVISION: Wadham bpd Jesus, St Peter's bpd Wolfson; Trinity bpd University II

THIRD DIVISION: Merton bpd Corpus Christi, Worcester II bpd Oriel III, Pembroke II bpd Osler House, St Edmund Hall II bpd Balliol II.

FOURTH DIVISION: Osler House II bpd Mansfield, Hertford II bpd Brasenose II, Keble II bpd St John's II, Lincoln II bpd St Catherine's II.

Women

FIRST DIVISION: Pembroke bpd Brasenose, Osler House bpd University; St Hilda's bpd Wolfson; Oriel bpd Christ Church; St Catherine's bpd Lady Margaret Hall.

SECOND DIVISION: Jesus bpd St Anne's, Somerville II bpd Hertford, Lincoln bpd Worcester

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 48

PONDOK

(a) A hut or shack made of oddments of wood, corrugated iron, etc., a mean house or hovel, esp. one inhabited by non-whites. Afrikaans, from the Malay: "The present dwelling is a hovel, not much better than a Hottentot's pondok."

TENDAI

(c) A Buddhist sect introduced into Japan from China by the monk Saichō (766-822), founded by Zhi Yi (515-97) and characterised by elaborate ritual, moral idealism, and philosophical eclecticism. a Japanese adaptation of the Chinese *T'ien t'ai*, the name of the mountain in SE China where the doctrines were formulated: "The philosophy of Tendai is too abstract and abstruse to be understood by the masses."

COCUM

(c) Used without precise grammatical reference for that which is (a) advantageous, lucky; (b) proper, correct; adapted from the Yiddish *kochem*: Mayhew, *London Labour*, 1851: "*It's about 6d a night to me for singing and patter in the tap-room. That's my cocum [advantage].*"

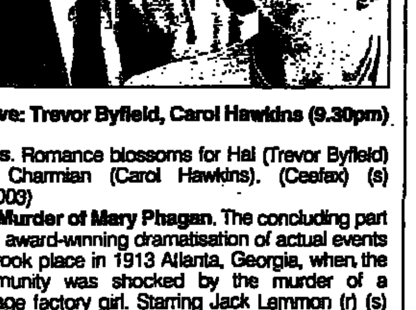
MALLAM

(a) A learned man, scribe, teacher, from the Hausa *mālam(i)*, often used as a title: "She went to all the priests and mallams and juju men for a hundred miles round and commanded them to give the baby medicine."

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (26157)
7.00 Breakfast News (98607044)
9.05 A Word In Your Ear Communication game show hosted by Gordon Burns. The guests are Jim Bowen, Anne Gregg, Bob Holness and Ruth Madoc (s) (4277041) **9.35 King of the Road** The last in the series and Ross King and Anna Walker look back on their trip round the British Isles (s) (2999374)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5068428) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (4833428)
10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine (62902041)
12.05 Pebble Mill. Music and chat introduced by Alan Titchmarsh. Last in the series (s) (2725916)
12.45 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. A round-up of the topics covered this morning (s) (21429312) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (18718225)
1.00 ***One O'Clock News*** *with Edward Stourton.* (Ceefax) Weather (91138)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (70024664) **1.50 Eldorado** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (25411664)
2.20 The Flying Doctors Medical drama series set in the Australian outback (s) (2855515) **3.05 Turnabout**. Word power game show (s) (3596732)
3.35 Cartoon (5749003) **3.45 Bananaman** (r) (4631886) **3.50 Harum Scarum** (r) (s) (4612751) **4.00 The Chipmunks** (r) (6976521) **4.15 Peter Pan and the Pirates** Last in the animated series. (Ceefax) (s) (5646472) **4.35 Kevin's Cousins** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (2889022)
5.00 Newsround (5257848) **5.10 Round the Twist**. Episode seven (Ceefax) (s) (9739374)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (710225). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (867)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (119). Northern Ireland. Neighbours
7.00 Eldorado (Ceefax) (s) (8138)
7.30 The Rock 'n' Roll Years (b/w). 1961 — the year Yuri Gagarin became the first man in space and the Berlin Wall was built. Musical memories are provided by, among others, Helen Shapiro and Roy Orbison (r) (s) (913)
8.00 Casualty. A man is injured after saboteurs attack a local hunt and a woman who has been raped by her former husband but afraid to go to the police attacks for no reason someone who was trying to help (r). (Ceefax) (s) (552193)
8.50 Points of View presented by Anne Robinson. (Ceefax) (s) (416138)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) *Regional news and weather (4157)*

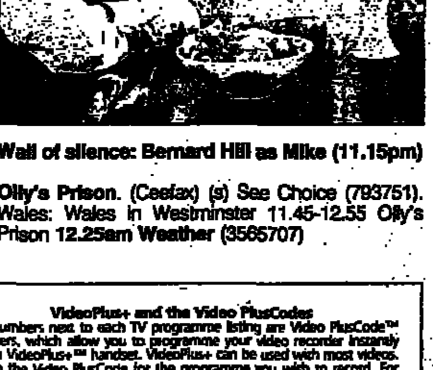


In love: Trevor Byfield, Carol Hawkins (9.30pm)

9.30 Rides. Romance blossoms for Hal (Trevor Byfield) and Charmian (Carol Hawkins). (Ceefax) (s) (489003)
10.20 The Murder of Mary Phagan. The concluding part of an award-winning dramatisation of actual events that took place in 1913 Atlanta, Georgia, when the community was shocked by the murder of a teenage factory girl. Starring Jack Lemmon (r) (s) (971225). Northern Ireland: (to 12.30am) Bangkok Hilton; Wales: The State 11.10-1.10 The Murder of Mary Phagan
12.20am Weather (3568894)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Maths Methods — Catenary Approximation (9311003) **7.10** Maths: Confidence (5809954) **7.35** Maths: Calculus (9327003)
8.00 Breakfast News (6617461)
8.15 Westminster (6630312)
8.30 The Farm That Time Forgot (20751)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Movable Feasts (7788770) **9.15** Inside English (3120062) **9.30** Help Your Child with Reading **9.45** Watch (s) (2203022) **10.00** The Geography Programme (5951770) **10.20** Stop and Think (4008931) **10.40** West Africa (9248549) **11.00** Ghostwriter (s) (2935) **11.30** Shakespeare, the Animated Tales. *Hamlet* (Ceefax) (3664) **12.00** English File (31867) **12.30** Scene (s) (42461) **1.00** Good Sport (84314409) **1.20** Postman Pat (75420848) **1.35** King Greenfingers (s) (85018848) **1.40** Make Your Own Video Report (85022041) **1.50** The Great Picture Trail (Ceefax) (85028225)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Words and Pictures** (s) (12823645) **2.15 Jumpcuts** (r) (15588683)
2.20 Golf. Live coverage from Wentworth of the first round of the Volvo PGA championship. Includes **News** (Ceefax) and weather at **3.00** and **3.50** (52998480)
6.00 Film: Three Ring Circus (1954) starring Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis. Comedy about two soldiers who join a circus after leaving the army. One becomes an assistant to the lion tamer, the other an odd-job man with designs on the glamorous owner of the business (Joanne Dru). With Zsa Zsa Gabor and Elsa Lanchester. Directed by Joseph Pevney (79083041)
7.45 What the Papers Say. With Michael Leapman of *The Independent* (668008)
8.00 Public Eye: No Crib For a Bed. A report on accusations that seriously ill children's lives are being put at risk by the NHS because, through cuts, it can only offer a second rate service (5428)
8.30 Gardeners' World. A visit to the Chelsea Flower Show. (Ceefax) (s) (4935)
9.00 The Real McCoy. Fast-moving comedy from Britain's leading black funny men. Providing the music is singer Mica Paris (s) (2799)
9.30 Measure For Measure. The last programme in the series taking an off-beat look at stories from the history of measurement. (Ceefax) (s) (62225)
10.00 Have I Got News For You. Irreverent topical news quiz presented by Angus Deayton. This week the regular team captains, Ian Hislop and Paul Merton, are joined by the BBC foreign affairs editor John Simpson and writer Alan Coren (s) (32596)
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow (412751)



Wall of silence: Bernard Hill as Mike (11.15pm)

11.15 Olly's Prison. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (793751). Wales: Wales in Westminster 11.45-12.55 Olly's Prison **12.25am Weather** (3565707)

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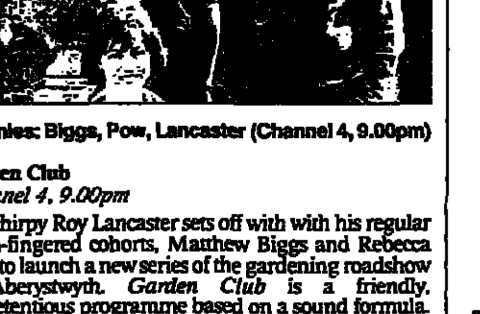
CHOICE

Olly's Prison
BBC2, 11.15pm

A first work for television by the playwright Edward Bond features Bernard Hill as Mike, a lonely widower sharing a gloomy and oppressive flat with his teenage daughter Sheila (Charlotte Coleman). We are not quite sure why, and the piece is full of such puzzles, but she refuses to speak to him. There is not a word, hardly even a change of expression. Increasingly disturbed by her silence Mike tries to break it, alternately pleading and threatening, until violence takes over. There are two more episodes to come, tomorrow and on Sunday, by which time all may be made clear. Meanwhile you are left pondering a sombre and uncompromising drama, broodingly photographed and directed with a quiet intensity by Roy Battersby.

Dr Quinn: Medicine Woman
ITV, 8.00pm

It is the 1880s and Michaela Quinn (Jane Seymour) heads west from Boston to take a new job in Colorado Springs. The welcome is not exactly warm. She is a woman and they had expected a man. She is a doctor and "no one's heard of a woman doctor out here". Finally she is unmarried and to these prejudiced folk a respectable spinster is a contradiction in terms. Befriended by a kindly widow, the determined Michaela sets out to find some patients and spread a spot of political correctness. That means educating the locals about blacks and Indians as well as gender. The pilot for a series which starts next week, this is a simple-minded and sentimental drama, on the bland side but with its heart in all the right places.



Greenies: Biggs, Pow, Lancaster (Channel 4, 9.00pm)

Garden Club
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The chirpy Roy Lancaster sets off with with his regular green-fingered cohorts, Matthew Biggs and Rebecca Pow, to launch a new series of the gardening roadshow in Aberystwyth. *Garden Club* is a friendly, unpretentious programme based on a sound formula. For one thing it is good to get around the country and reflect the diversity of soils and climate. Even more important the emphasis is on real gardens, rather than the weed-free paradise with perfect soil that tends to feature on the BBC rival, *Gardeners' World*. The trip to Wales produces advice on what can best be grown in wet and acid clay and a demonstration of how to make a bicycle into a hanging basket. As always the slant is on the seasonally relevant.

Frankenstein
Channel 4, 11.10pm

In a way the film is unfortunately named. What everyone remembers is not the hammy performance of Colin Clive as the mad scientist of the title but Boris Karloff's monster. Since Karloff is hidden behind make-up and does not speak a word, his ability to portray a figure who commands pity as well as striking terror is remarkable. For the look of the monster much credit must go to the make-up specialist Jack Pierce. It took four hours each day to put on the grotesque rubber head, blacken Karloff's finger nails and stiffen his legs to produce the clomping, robotic walk. But Karloff supplied the humanity. Though showing signs of age, *Frankenstein* remains a powerful, and even moving, experience. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV The guests include comedian and magician Wayne Dobson (6669426)
9.25 Cross Wits Crossword game show (1291645) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (4819848)
10.00 Out of this World. American comedy series about a schoolgirl with an alien father (r) (s) (67683)
10.30 This Morning. Weekday family matters magazine (62988461)
12.10 Tots TV. Children's puppet series (r) (s) (7074765)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Carol Barnes. (Teletext) Weather (8885041) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (75445157)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama (Teletext) (175732) **1.45 A Country Practice**. Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (174003) **2.15 Life Goes On** American family comedy drama series (5982041)
3.10 ITN News headlines (3450138) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3459409) **3.20 Blockbusters** with Bob Holness (s) (8568645)
3.50 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends (r) (4539119) **3.55 Grotbags** (r) (s) (5206616) **4.15 Talespin** (r) (s) (9341080) **4.40 Kappatoo**. Episode one of a comedy science fiction adventure about a visitor from the future (r) (1106683)
5.10 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (4679954)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (320751)
6.00 London Tonight. Includes a discussion on the subject of exercise for the under-fives and Bernard Bresslaw talking about his new Regent's Park Open Air Theatre production, *The Taming of the Shrew* (54206)
7.00 Through the Keyhole. Celebrity home quiz introduced by David Frost. The guests are Frances Edmonds, Alan Coren and Eamonn Holmes (Teletext) (s) (3206)
7.30 Coronation Street (Teletext) (799)



Pioneering: Jane Seymour goes West (8.00pm)

8.00 Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman. (Teletext) See Choice (97645)
9.30 Michael Winner's True Crimes. A repeat of the reconstruction of the investigation into the Knightsbridge safe deposit robbery in the summer of 1987 which netted the Italian playboy gangster Valerio Viccei a haul valued between £20 and £40 million (59751)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (29022) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (755193)
10.40 Crime Monthly. Paul Ross appeals for help in tracing four men who held a woman and her children hostage while her husband was forced back to his factory to empty the safe (518374)
11.40 Beverly Hills 90210. American teenage drama series. (Teletext) (s) (917916)
12.35am ***The ITV Chart Show*** *(s) (9734523)*
1.30 Whale On. Music and a topical discussion dominated by James Whale (52639)
2.30 American Gladiators. Contests for the super-fit (2277405)
3.20 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. Movie news from Hollywood presented by Richard Blade (34891368)
3.50 Austin City Limits. Country rock music (9560610)
4.55 Riviera. French drama serial (2748146)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman (61894)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 I Love Lucy (b/w). Classic comedy starring Lucille Ball (67022) **6.45 Spiff and Hercules** (r) (8933732)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (74461)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Game show (s) (46799)
9.30 Schools (801003)
12.00 The Parliament Programme *With the House in* Whitsun recess, a film report on the Christchurch by-election and a studio discussion on a possible ministerial re-shuffle (26935)
12.30 Sesame Street Entertaining early-learning series (r) (72393) **1.30 Dr Snuggles**. Cartoon adventures of an unusual inventor (r) (76428)
2.00 Film: My Cousin Rachel (1952, b/w) starring Olivia de Havilland and Richard Burton. An Oscar-nominated dramatisation of the Daphne du Maurier novel about a young man who falls passionately in love with a woman who may have murdered her husband — his cousin. Directed by Henry Koster (940003)
3.45 Fantasy On London Vintage animation from the *Musical Paint Box* series (4615848)
3.55 Eat Your Greens. A repeat of the programme in which Sophie Grigson watched the preparation of Cypriot aubergine casserole, sugo with stuffed tomatoes from Italy and a Spanish recipe using peppers, olive oil and garlic. (Teletext) (2809770)
4.30 Fifteen To One. Fast-moving general knowledge quiz. (Teletext) (s) (312)
5.00 Naked Sport Monday's programme about the parlous state of ice hockey in the United States (Teletext) (s) (1549)
6.00 Blossom. Comedy series about a teenager, the lone female in an otherwise all-male Los Angeles household (s) (577)
6.30 Happy Days. Vintage American high school comedy (r) (Teletext) (157)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Fiona Murch (Teletext) Weather (757428)
7.50 First Reaction. Ben Pimlott reviews books on the Royals (377480)
8.00 Europe Express Klaus Schwagrzinna reports on Germany's controversial decision to award pensions to SS veterans who had been living in Latvia until the disintegration of the Soviet Union, Mieke van der Wey goes bargain shopping in Paris for a new spring outfit, and Stefan Rybar tries to analyse the Polish Beer party (6616)
8.30 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (9003)
9.00 Garden Club (Teletext) See Choice (7867)
9.30 Cheers. Carla feels the shame and humiliation as she recalls a night of passion with Paul, the barfly. (Teletext) (s) (57393)
10.00 Roseanne. Wisecracking comedy from Roseanne *Arnold and John Goodman. (Teletext) (s) (27664)*
10.30 Clive Anderson Talks Back. With Alison Halford, former assistant chief constable of the Merseyside Police, Sebastian Coe, MP, and Frank Carson (s) (423867)



Beam ends: Karloff as the monster (11.10pm)

11.10 Film: Frankenstein (1931, b/w). (Teletext) See Choice (362770)
12.25am Hold On — It's the Dave Clark Five. A profile of the 1960s pop group, made by Dave Clark (r) (6393928)
1.15 It's Showtime at the Apollo presented by Natalie Cole. The guests include Run DMC and Freddie Jackson (1661233). Ends at **2.10**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 3.20pm-3.50 The Young Doctors (8568645) **5.10-5.40** The Munsters Today (4679954) **6.00** Home and Away (100190) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (486111) **10.40** Anglia Live (217577) **11.45** Love and War (165409) **12.10am** Night Heat (7363900) **1.05** Whale On (8211271) **2.05** Raw Power (2146815) **3.05** Entertainment UK (7493349) **4.00** Musical Routes (46392) **4.30** Riviera (85523) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (49233)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15pm A Country Practice (175732) **1.45** Home and Away (174003) **2.15-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (4116454) **3.20-3.50** Shortland Street (8568645) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Movies, Movies (4679954) **6.00** Home and Away (100190) **6.25-7.00** Central News (48611) **10.40** Crime Stalker (761428) **11.10** Film: The Gift of Life (100935) **12.55am** Whale On (9745639) **1.55** The Beat (8521894) **2.55** *Entertainment UK (9172813)* **3.55** *Night Shift (74249349)* **4.05** Jobfinder (8520504) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6138165)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15pm A Country Practice (175732) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (174003) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Movies, Movies (4679954) **6.00** Home and Away (935) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (515) **10.40** Married...with Children (761428) **11.10** Juice (479954) **11.40** The War of the Worlds (917916) **12.35am** Love and War (3577542) **1.05** Whale On (8211271) **2.05** Raw Power (2146815) **3.05** Entertainment UK (7493349) **4.00** Musical Routes (46392) **4.30** Riviera (85523) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (49233)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45pm Fashion File (174003) **2.15-3.10** A Country Practice (5982041) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (8568645) **6.00** HTV News (935) **6.30-7.00** Great Westerners (515) **10.40** Brewhouse Jazz (761428) **11.10** Married...with Children (479954) **11.40** Film: Escapement (421157) **1.05** Whale On (8211271) **2.05** Raw Power (2146815) **3.05** Entertainment UK (7493349) **4.00** Musical Routes (46392) **4.30** Riviera (85523) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (49233)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** Get Going **10.40** Married with Children **11.10-11.40** Alfred Hitchcock Presents

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.15pm Grass Roots (199312) **2.45-3.10** Material World (5644119) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (8568645) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (54206) **10.40** Film: Chinatown (42646428) **1.05am** Whale On (8211271) **2.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9488900) **2.35** Raw Power (9159952) **3.35** Cue the Music (1895271) **4.30** Zorro (13850078) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (49233)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.45pm-3.10 Film: Stunts Unlimited (6064732) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (8568645) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (705645) **6.30-7.00** Earthmovers (515) **10.40** Point of Order (761428) **11.10** Film: Cracked Up (591138) **1.05am** Whale On (8211271) **2.05** The Big E (3691900) **3.00** Film: I Want You (570078) **4.50-5.30** The Twilight Zone (5076810)

ULSTER
As London except: 6.00pm-7.00 UTV Live at Six (54206) **10.40** Kelly (8685848) **12.10am** Prisoner: Cell Block H (7363900) **1.05** Whale On (8211271) **2.05** Raw Power (2146815) **3.05** Entertainment UK (7493349) **4.00** Musical Routes (46392) **4.30** Riviera (85523) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (49233)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45pm Blockbusters (174003) **2.15** The Sullivans (199312) **2.45-3.10** Gardener's Diary (5644119) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (8568645) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (54206) **10.40** Crime Stalker (761428) **11.15** The War of the Worlds (688887) **12.10am** Live on Stage (7363900) **1.05** Whale On (8211271) **2.05** Raw Power (2146815) **3.05** Entertainment UK (7493349) **4.00** Musical Routes (46392) **4.30** Riviera (13850078) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (2748146)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.45pm-3.10 Film: Stunts Unlimited (6064732) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (8568645) **5.55** Calendar (705645) **6.30-7.00** Battle of the Bands (515) **10.40** Musical Routes (761428) **11.10** Film: Cracked Up (591138) **1.05am** Whale On (8211271) **2.05** The Big E (3691900) **3.00** Film: I Want You (570078) **4.50-5.30** The Twilight Zone (5976810)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (74461) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (46799) **9.30** Ysgolion (801003) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (26935) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (77157) **1.00** Dr Snuggles (84848) **1.30** The Silver Trumpeter (76428) **2.00** Maiden Voyages (6472) **2.30** Film: Cheaper By the Dozen (30838585) **4.25** Slot 23 (7485003) **5.00** Fifteen To One (4312) **5.30** Brookside (664) **6.00** News (693886) **6.10** Hano (171664) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (1846) **7.30** Cymry Ar Everest (111) **8.00** News (485190) **8.55** Pawb A'i Farn (369848) **9.45** San Steffan (172683) **10.00** Roseanne (27664) **10.30** Clive Anderson Talks Back (423867) **11.10** Film: Frankenstein (798848) **12.20** Good Morning Mr Hitler (7358078) **1.20** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (46825799) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (4802208) **9.10** Cartoons (6859751) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (80645) **10.00** Card Sharks (6426041) **10.25** Concentration (3285119) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (9419684) **11.00** The Bold And The Beautiful (22157) **11.30** Falcon Crest (79683) **12.30pm** E Street (84461) **1.00** Another World (6930157) **1.45** Santa Barbara (738225) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (407138) **3.15** Different Strokes (719190) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (3035616) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (9409) **6.00** Games World (3935) **6.30** E Street (7515) **7.00** Rescue (8698) **7.30** Family Ties (3799) **8.00** World Wrestling Federation Mania (31393) **9.00** Code 3 (47503) **9.30** Xposure (29175) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (21916) **11.00** The Streets Of San Francisco (41157) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (63190) **8.30** News and Business Report (407596) **9.30** Nightline (84225) **10.30** 48 Hours (33003) **11.30** Business Report (77225) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (44119) **1.30** Good Morning America (45848) **2.30** Parliament (84190) **3.30** The Lords (84461) **4.30** News and Business Report (3312) **5.00** Live at Five (83515) **6.30** News and Business Report (89409) **7.30** 48 Hours (4041) **8.00** News Hour (382616) **10.30** Nightline (19206) **11.30** ABC News (88667) **12.30am** 48 Hours (15418) **1.30** ABC News (92271) **2.30** Getaway (15271) **3.30** ABC News (94788) **4.30** *Those Were The Days (29813)* **5.30-6.00** ABC News (62336)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (5201225)
10.00 Troll (1986): A little creature lives in the basement of a family house (85577)
12.00 The Greatest (1977): Muhammad Ali plays himself (87461)
2.00pm Real Life (1979): Film-makers try to make a film about a typical family (45596)
4.00 They All Laughed (1981): Comedy about of four detectives (7041)
6.00 Troll (as 10am) (25732)
***8.00 Dogfight** (1992). River Phoenix tries to pick up the ugliest girl (82808312)*
9.40 US Top Ten (955003)
10.00 Predator 2 (1990). Danny Glover faces an alien beast in Los Angeles (890886)
11.50 American Ninja 4: The Annihilation (1991): Good ninjas versus bad ninjas (814886)
1.30am Curse II: The Bite (1988): A nest of vipers is irradiated (240639)
3.05 Struck By Lightning (1990): A teacher inspires his pupils (104405)
4.40 Emerald City (1990). A couple move from Melbourne to Sydney (2511707). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm The Life and Death of Colonel Blimp (1943): A soldier re-examines his life (30052577)
8.05 Four For Texas (1963): Western comedy about double-crossing stagecoach robbers (69553645)
10.00 Who's That Knocking at My Door (1968): A group of Italian-American young men try romance (788577). Ends at **11.55**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Rogues of Sherwood Forest (1950): The adventures of the son of Robin Hood (23770)
8.00 Hansel and Gretel Puppets tell the Grimm brothers tale (53098835)
9.45 Romeo and Juliet (1968): Franco Zeffirelli's version (39420848)
12.00 Daisy Miller (1974). Cybil Shepherd causes a scandal (85003)
2.00pm Hostile Witness (1968): A judge is cast as a murder suspect (43138)
4.00 Hansel and Gretel (as 8am) (5683)
6.00 Waiting for the Light (1990): Shirley MacLaine stars as a medium performing a miracle (23374)
8.00 Misery (1990). A best-selling novelist is rescued by his biggest fan (35119)
10.00 Heat Wave (1990). Drama tracing the events which led to the 1965 riots in Los Angeles (784886)
11.35 In the Best Interests of the Child (1990): A mother tries to protect her child (512916)
1.20am Fatal Exposure (1991): A single mother becomes the target of an assassin (2066455)
2.45 Last Wish (1991): Based on a true story about a woman with cancer (316287)
4.20 Sssssss (1973): A mad doctor turns his daughter's boyfriend into a snake (617523). Ends at **5.55**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Stretch (27003) **7.00** Paris Masters Showjumping (87119) **9.00** Stretch (89887) **9.30** Indy 500 Practice (98003) **10.00** Watersports World (79954) **11.00** World *Sports Special (62799)* **11.30** *British Motor* Sport (13041) **12.30pm** F1 Grand Prix (88577) **1.30** US PGA Golf (74954) **3.30** Paris Masters Showjumping (23577) **5.30** European League Round-Up (55954) **6.30** Race for Heroes (2003) **7.00** British Speedway Final (54190) **8.30** US PGA Golf (634393) **11.00** Race for Heroes (47480) **11.30** F1 Grand Prix (87193) **12.30-2.00am** British Speedway Final (19720)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (75138) **8.00** Golf Magazine (18503) **9.00** World Cup Qualifiers (18664) **10.00** Tennis (6757954) **7.00pm** News (7206) **7.30** Golf (46206) **9.00** Tennis (88225) **10.00** NBA American Basketball Action (95428) **10.30** Motorsport Report (59206) **11.30** Motorcycling Moto Magazine (32935) **12.00** Eurofun (44165) **12.30-1.00am** News (23184)

UK GOLD
7.00am Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (8271995) **7.30** Neighbours (9726080) **8.00** Sons And Daughters (8838577) **8.30** East-Enders (8635848) **9.00** The Bill (8659428) **9.30** The Brothers (8054461) **10.30** Tenko (5642698) **11.30** No Place Like Home (6934887) **12.00** Sons And Daughters (8639664) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2527393) **1.00** EastEnders (9621436) **1.30** The Bill (2526664) **2.00** Never The Twain (4738577) **2.30** Solo (4127886) **3.00** Dallas (6938683) **4.00** Dynasty (6917190) **5.00** Blankety Blank (4752157) **5.30** Give Us A Clue (4198374) **6.00** Neighbours (4128515) **6.30** The Brothers (8309480) **7.30** Never The Twain (4108751) **8.00** EastEnders (4741041) **8.30** Solo (4737848) **9.00** Tenko (4434645) **10.00** The Bill (8630393) **10.30** Colin's Sandwich (8649041) **11.00** The Best Of The Goodies (6925119) **11.30** Dr Who (1169935) **12.00-2.00am** Film: Lisa and the Devil (1976): Telly Savalas in a bizarre horror film (9734423) **1.40** Video Bites (50984523)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (40799) **7.00** RatKan II (89577) **9.00** Jack In The Box (72312) **11.00** Stories Without Words (88751) **11.00** Stories Without Words (88751) **11.00** Stories Without Words (88751) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (89480) **12.00** Wreckers At Dead Eye (53954) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (38374) **2.00** Stories Without Words (1664) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (6044) **3.00** Babar (4554577) **3.25** RatKan II (96004645) **5.00** Electric Stringvest (4751) **6.00-7.00** Fame (59136)

RADIO 3

6.35 Open University: Developing World
6.55 Weather **7.00 On Air**, with Piers Burton-Page. Including Mozart (Ah se in ciel benigne stelle, K538); Chopin (Scherzo No 2 in B flat minor, Op 31); Hindemith (Concert Music, Op 50); Ravel (Daphnis et Chloé, Suite No 2)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Haydn — The Final Harvest. String Quartet in D minor, Op 103 (Mosaïques Quartet); Hungarian National March (Budapest PO); Harmoniemesse (Academy of St Martin, Choir of St John's College, Cambridge)
10.00 Hits of the Sixties: Allen Jones talks about "Mr Tambourine Man", the Byrds' hit song
10.10 Janina Fialkowska: The pianist performs Chopin's Three Mazurkas, Op 50 and 12 Etudes, Op 25
11.00 BBC Symphony Orchestra in Japan: Live from *Hitomi* Kinen Kodo, Tokyo. Andrew Davis conducts the orchestra in a performance of Beethoven (Symphony No 5 in C minor); Berlioz (Symphonie fantastique)
1.05pm News
1.10 St David's Hall Lunchtime Recital: Simon Keenlyside, baritone, and Julius Drake, piano, perform Strauss (All mein Gedanken; Traum durch die Dämmerung; Allerseelen; Junggesellenschwur; Winternacht; Wildesfahrt; Wie sollten wir geheim sie halten); Schumann (Kerner Lieder, Op 35)
2.10 Mining the Archive: Stephen Johnson introduces recordings from 1961 and 1967 of the Amadeus Quartet with Cecil Aronowitz, viola, in the quintets. Mozart (Clarinet Quintet, K581, arr for strings; String Quintet in D, K593); Beethoven (String Quartet in F, Op 135)
3.40 Czech Piano Music: Margaret Fingerhut plays Suk (Spring, Pieces, Op 22a; Summer Moods, Pieces, Op 22b); Smetana (Little Hen; Lancers; Furiant, Czech Dances)
4.30 Lullabies: Veronica Doubleday presents cradle and dancing songs from Central Africa, the Solomon *Islands, Herzogovina,* Afghanistan, Ireland, Portugal, Japan, Scotland, Pakistan and Salento in southern Italy (2/2)
5.00 In Tune: Charles Hazelwood offers music and news
7.30 European Community Youth Orchestra: Bernard Haitink conducts a performance of Poulenc (Concerto for organ, strings and timpani); Mahler (Symphony No 9). With Thomas Trotter, organ
9.30 The Electric Kool Aid Acid Test: See Choice
9.55 George Crumb: Makrokosmos (12 Fantasy Pieces after the Zodiac, Volume II: Sahan Arzruni, piano) (2/2)
10.30 Self-Accusation: In Peter Handke's *sprechstück* or play on words, first broadcast in 1968, two voices and a percussionist create a litany of sounds (r)
11.30 Midnight Oil: Sylvano Bussotti. *Rara* Requiem (Darmstadt Konzertchor, Ensemble Modern under Arturo Tamayo). Presented by Philip Tagney
12.30am News
12.35-12.45 Hits of the Sixties (r)
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)
2.30-3.10 Night School Extra. Satellite français (17-20)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping
6.00 News *Briefing* incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News; **6.45** Business News; **6.55, 7.55** Weather; **7.25, 8.25** Sports News; **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: The castaway is the managing director of GEC, Lord Weinstock (r)
9.45 Feedback
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible from Genesis to Revelation
10.00-10.30 In the Company Archives: See Choice (FM only)
10.30 Woman's Hour: interviews Bronwen Vicars who lost a leg in the Warrington bombing; discusses public health with Joyce Leeson; and looks at multicultural education. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 The Natural History Programme with Kelvin Boot
12.00 News; You and Yours: Reasonable Doubt. Tasneem Siddiqi presents a week of programmes examining British Justice. Getting Out: should defendants pay the price of bad policework or incompetent lawyers? *Or should the grounds for appeal be extended?*
12.25pm The Food Programme with Derek Cooper **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Classic Serial: My Son, My Son by Howard Spring (2 of 5) (r)
3.00 News; Special Assignment
3.30 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde discusses a new biography of Walter de la Mare and examines the appeal of this intense and mysterious writer
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope: visits an exhibition of Andy Goldworthy's work in Leeds and the Bath Festival for a French cooking performance
4.45 Short Story: A Glowing Future, by Ruth Rendell, read by Elizabeth Bell
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week with Chris Serle
8.05 Any Questions? Joining Jonathan Dimbleby in Saltash, Cornwall are Aziz Al Azmeh, professor of Islamic Studies at Exeter University; Patricia Hewitt, deputy director of the Institute for Public Policy Research; Francis Maude, banker and former government minister; and Katharine Whitehorn, columnist
8.50 Stop Press
9.15 Kaleidoscope: Tales from Hampton. An in-depth examination of one of the most exciting arts events of the moment (r)
9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Heather *Blazing (final episode)*
11.00 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news with the Week Ending team
11.25 The Financial Week with Heather Payton
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

RADIO CHOICE

In The Company Archives *(Radio 4, 10.00am, FM only)*
'Now Here This' is the first of four weekly programmes giving Nigel Farrell the chance to rummage through Britain's corporate past. He sets out to discover how the workplace and its working practices have changed, with women being absorbed into the corporate machine. The way companies have, and in some cases have not, looked after their workers is investigated during a thorough perusal of hundreds of works magazines found in hidden vaults. Many gems are uncovered including extracts from early corporate videos. We even hear broadcasts from a biscuit manufacturer's own radio station.

The Electric Kool Aid Acid Test *(Radio 3, 9.30pm)*
Four of the best reasons for listening to the radio this week have been the readings from classic books of 1968 reaching their conclusion with Tom Wolfe's comic *tour de force* set amidst the drugs culture of San Francisco. The colours and sounds come over with great verve in an accomplished performance by John Guerrasio who captures the atmosphere of the period and brings out the full flavour of Wolfe's language. **Kenneth Gosling**

RADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes with The Early Breakfast Show (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News 93 **6.30** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **9.00** Friday Rock Show **11.00** John Peel (FM only from 12.00) **2.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2
FM Stereo. **3.00am** Alex Lester **5.00** Sarah Kennedy: The Early Show **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Let's Do the Show Right Here! **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** Piers Lane **9.00** Listen to the Band **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme with Martin Kelner **12.05am** Digby Fairweather **1.00** John Terrett with Night Ride

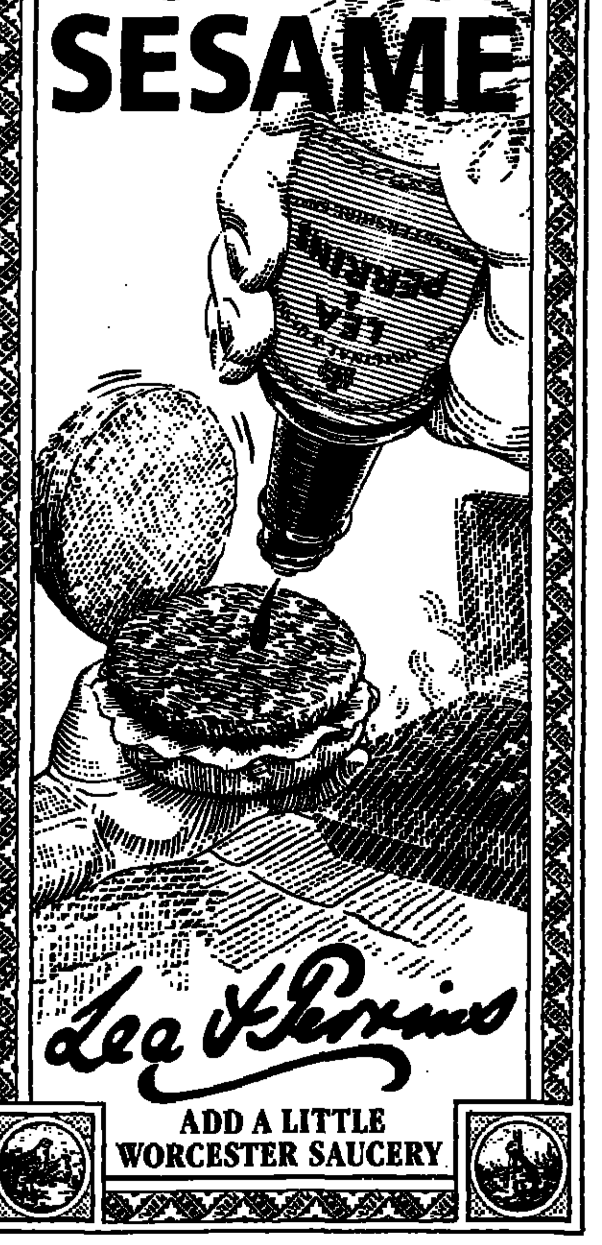
RADIO 5
News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm. **6.00am** World Service: Newshour **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** For Schools: Topic Resources 9-11; **9.15** Playtime; **9.30** The Music Box; **9.45** Something To Think About; **10.00** Music Workshop **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Johnnie Walker with AM Alternative **12.30pm** It's My Party **1.00** News Update **1.10** BFBS Worldwide **2.30** Sportsbeat **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** Nigel and Earl Sort Out the World by Joe Turner **7.00** Sportsdesk **7.15** Own Goal **7.30** Popcall **8.30** Euromix **9.30** Ruby III — Part II **10.10** Rave **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE
All times in **BST**. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin; Tips für Touristen **5.30** Londres Matin **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Meridian **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** Fame **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Music Review **10.00** News **10.05** Business Report **10.15** Global Concerns **10.30** Seven Seas **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** Focus on Faith **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Fame **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: The Handmaid's Tale **3.45** Global Concerns **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News in French **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Londres Soir **6.00** News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Science in Action **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.15** People and Politics **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** Business Report **12.15** Multitrack 3 **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** From the Weeklies **1.45** Recording of the Week **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Short Story: The Owl **2.45** Jazz Now and Then **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** People and Politics **4.00** News **4.15** Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM
6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Robert Booth **12.00** Susannah Simons **1.00pm** Celebrity Choice **2.00** Lunchtime Concerto **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** Classic Verdict with Robert Cowan and Keith Shadwick **8.00** Classic FM Concert: Elgar (Cello Concerto); Walton (Symphony No 1) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Alan Mann

VIRGIN 1215
6.00am Russ Williams **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Mitch Johnson **4.00** Tommy Vance *7.00 Emperor Rosko live from Hollywood* **10.00** Kevin Greening **2.00-6.00** Sandy Beach

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Sheringham ready to answer England call

FROM ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT
IN CHORZOW, POLAND

WHEN you reach 27 years of age, two thirds of the way through a sporting lifetime, the prospect of gold in a footballing career might seem dim. But for Teddy Sheringham, the Tottenham striker, that brightened considerably when he flew with England to Poland yesterday, his confidence rising that this would be *his* international.

It is Sheringham's first flight on World Cup duty for England, and though the darkest coalfields of Silesia, around Chorzow in southern Poland, would hardly seem the place to make a debut, such opportunism is Sheringham's trade. He is still waiting to see if the disc problem in Les Ferdinand's back and the residual pain of toe and ankle injuries to Ian Wright beckon him to the centre forward role, but if they do, he looks and sounds like a man confident that he could respond to the statement that "If Lineker isn't there to score the goals, someone else will".

Injuries and the disappointing inability of Wright in eight matches to score have made Lineker's contribution grow rather than diminish in his absence. Were it not for the consistency of the captain, David Platt, concentration would be focused on the fact that, should Sheringham play, he will form the fifth new attacking partnership Graham Taylor has been obliged to field in the last seven games.

Taylor said yesterday: "The fact that Les has not been on the training pitch for the last three days doesn't help his cause." Nor does it help Taylor's. He takes no blame for the injuries that have shorn England of Alan Shearer and David Hirst. Even with fit men, the difficulty of scoring in international football was emphasised by Wednesday's European Cup final in Munich, where £50 million-worth of forward talent proved depressingly barren, and it was left to a defender, Basile Boli, to break the deadlock.

Should Sheringham get his promotion, he will have succeeded after only his second training camp for England; Tony Dorigo, the only other likely change in the side following the 2-2 draw with Holland, has laboured for five full years to gain only 11 caps at left back.

Taylor insists two wins — first against Poland and then Norway in Oslo — in the space of four days is England's chance "to put ourselves in the driving seat. What's important is that, come the end of qualifying in November, we are in one of the top two places. Four points from these two games won't be the end of it, but it will go a long way to make sure that's the case." Woe betide anyone who contemplates that two losses would put England into reverse.

Although Poland are far better at home than away, they are troubled by poor morale. Sheringham offers Taylor further encouragement.

"He's been putting the ball in the net in no uncertain manner in training," the manager said. There are echoes here of Steve Bull, Taylor's original choice for England. Only Wolverhampton Wanderers' followers can tell you what happened to Bull. However, the comparison is not fair on Sheringham. After his £2 million transfer from Nottingham Forest, he took several months to convince the Tottenham supporters that he was anything other than a *poseur* with an elegant, ice-blue Porsche. Twenty nine goals later, Sheringham has justified his fee.

Should Sheringham be selected, he will both give and require a different scope within England's framework. Wright floundered because his midfield failed to pass the ball beyond defenders where his speed could count. Ferdinand gave more vision, more direction and a more promising idea of how to lead the attack. Sheringham would be different again, an old-fashioned English centre forward, strong in the air, something Taylor has hankered after throughout his time in the job.

David Miller, page 44

Chang crushed as Germans sow seeds of destruction

FROM STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN PARIS

THE first few days of the French Open belonged to a couple of Parisians but, at Roland Garros yesterday, it was taken over by a pair of Germans. Bernd Karbacher, from Munich, and Marc Goellner, from Bonn, relit the national flame that was temporarily extinguished when Boris Becker, their No 1, went out on Wednesday.

First Karbacher beat Michael Chang, the eighth seed, then Goellner knocked out Petr Korda, the sixth seed, who reached the final last year only to lose to Jim Courier.

Karbacher's name is appropriate. It sounds as if he might work in the demolition trade and he applied a steam hammer to Chang's game. Several of his driven forehands, hit flat and with an audible thump, drew gasps of admiration from the crowd.

Yet a brief shower changed the course of the match. When the rain arrived on Wednesday, Chang was leading 6-1, 1-0. Karbacher was told by his coach that, in attempting instantly to win every point, he was merely rushing towards nothing but defeat. The advice was heeded.

Before rain fell again with the darkness, he had claimed the second set 6-3, the third 6-4 and enough belief to be convinced he could repeat his victory over the American in Stuttgart last year. He did so, overpoweringly, 6-2.

Chang, though, relishes chasing lost causes. An inexhaustible retriever, he imagined that he could still recover from 4-2 and 30-0 down on his own service. "It isn't over until the fat lady sings," he said. "She wasn't even humming then." A few hefty blows later and she was in full cry.

Chang had plainly not prepared himself for so much free time and has yet to decide how to use it. He said he will probably "get away for a while and relax" by indulging in two of his hobbies that involve fish. Incongruously, he either lands or breeds them.

Karbacher, ranked 39th, has already beaten Becker this year and is on course to meet another of his fellow countrymen, Michael Stich, in the last 16. He must first beat Goran Prpic, of Croatia, who came through another delayed second-round match.

Goellner, though a giant at 6ft 5in, thought that he was a comparative dwarf in the men's game until he practised recently with the German Davis Cup team in Moscow. Only then did he foresee himself challenging the world's leading players.

The theory was immediately put into practice. Last month in Nice, he won the first title of his career by beating Ivan Lendl in the final. He has since added Chang to his list of notable victims, in Hamburg, and he knocked out David Wheaton, ranked 15 places higher than him, in the first round here.

Yesterday, though, he claimed his biggest scalp, albeit crowned with spiky hair. Goellner, sporting a baseball cap worn the wrong way round, held his nerve. Korda,



Chang: lost cause

who also had to endure a couple of tie-breaks in the first round, lost his to go down 3-6, 6-7, 6-7.

His demise was nothing to that of to Thierry Champion. The Frenchman failed to take a single game off Sergi Bruguera, the tenth seed, and became the first player in the open era to be shut out on centre court.

There were also a couple of upsets, though on a lesser scale, in the bottom half of the women's singles. Amanda Coetzer, the eleventh seed from South Africa, lost in straight sets to Natalia Zvereva, a Russian, and Kimiko Date, the sixteenth seed, from Japan, was put out by Ruxandra Dragomir, of Romania.

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Zoehrer pounces for eight victims

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

THE OVAL (final day of three): The Australians beat Surrey by 174 runs

ACTING as the understudy to the Test wicketkeeper on a cricket tour is no more fulfilling than being second choice in any other discipline. Hail then, Tim Zoehrer, who added another entry to *Wisden* yesterday by claiming eight victims in Surrey's second innings as the Australians lengthened their stride towards Old Trafford.

Unless Ian Healy loses form or is injured, the 31-year-old Western Australian is unlikely to add to his ten Test caps on his second tour of England. Memories of his day of days should sustain him through the lonely hours that lie ahead, travelling and waiting.

Only one wicketkeeper has ever taken more victims in an innings. Playing last year for Habib Bank, Tahir Rashid caught eight Pakistan Automobile Corporation batsmen and stumped another. Zoehrer joins his compatriot, Wally Grout, David East, of Essex, and Steve Marsh, of Kent, on the list with eight.

Zoehrer's haul included two stumpings off the leg spin of Shane Warne, whose four wickets gave him seven in the match. With the first Test six days away, Allan Border will be happier to know that Brendon Julian, Zoehrer's Western Australia team-mate, revealed a steadier line as he took three good wickets.

"I'm gloving them OK," Zoehrer said. "It's more a case of keeping my feet moving, although the degree of difficulty was not overly hard."

He could rightly be proud of two wickets. Graham Thorpe, aiming to turn a ball that bounced and spun more than a foot across him, gloved a leg-side catch. Joey Benjamin, like Mark Butcher before him, dragged his back foot and paid the price, both stumpings swiftly accomplished.

Surrey, invited to make 319 in 84 overs, lost Darren Bicknell in the first of them, bowled by Julian. The opener appeared to lose the ball in flight, undone by the additional pace Julian can summon, and set the tone for the afternoon by gloving a straightforward catch. Ally Brown and Tony Murphy were the only batsmen to escape Zoehrer's net.

The Australians have now won three of their four Tetley Bitter matches and can confidently pursue the ten wins Pakistan achieved against the counties last summer. Having lambasted Tetley yesterday for their ill-judged billboard campaign, it is only fair to commend their efforts to make these games significant. Another victory over Leicestershire this weekend would send the tourists to Manchester in great heart.

Julian, whose arm action is similar to a Subbuteo cricketer's, saved the fastest ball of the day for Neil Kendrick, who is not the best-equipped batsman to fend a rising snorter off his nose. Paul Reiffel had bowled a decent spell at the Vauxhall end before Julian returned there, finding a fine ball to take the edge of Lynch's bat. The Australians have enjoyed three highly satisfactory days in south London.

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SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIANS: First Innings 378 for 9 dec (M E Waugh 178, D R Martyn 84, G P Thorpe 4-40)

Second innings

M J Slater c Lynch b Murphy	50
M L Hayden b Kendrick	33
M A Taylor c Bicknell b Murphy	80
T J Zoehrer c Thorpe b Murphy	4
B P Julian not out	0
Extras (lb 4)	4
Total (4 wkts dec)	171

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44, 2-152, 3-171, 4-171

BOWLING: Murphy 17.4-0-43-3, Thorpe 8-1-31-0, Kendrick 19-4-60-1, Boiling 4-1-18-0

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell c Zoehrer b Julian	6
M A Lynch c Zoehrer b Reiffel	22
G P Thorpe c Zoehrer b Warne	23
A D Brown c Border b Reiffel	1
D M Ward c Zoehrer b Holdsworth	28
G J Kersey c Zoehrer b Julian	17
M A Butcher st Zoehrer b Warne	10
N M Kendrick c Zoehrer b Julian	5
J Boiling not out	5
J E Benjamin st Zoehrer b Warne	2
A J Murphy c Holdsworth b Warne	5
Extras (b 2, lb 4, w 2, nb 10)	18
Total	144

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-42, 3-45, 4-73, 5-99, 6-116, 7-130, 8-131, 9-138

BOWLING: Julian 12-4-30-3, Holdsworth 10-2-43-1, Reiffel 11-0-27-2, Warne 19.1-6-38-4

Umpires: V A Holder and N T Plews.



TIM BISHOP

Home sweet home: Adrian Donovan, right, celebrates with crew members on crossing the finish line

Hundreds welcome Heath Insured

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

ADRIAN Donovan and his crew on Heath Insured, the last of the British Steel Challenge yachts to finish the round-the-world race, drew a warm welcome when they returned to Southampton shortly before noon yesterday.

Their nine rival crews turned out in force to greet the dark blue yacht at the Needles, then escorted them back through the Solent to Southampton Water, where they met hundreds of onlookers who braved the rain.

The presence of almost all of the 179 crew members who have taken part in the race was an act of solidarity with Donovan's team over the loss of Bill Vincent, who fell overboard close to the equator at the end of April. Nothing was said when the crews embraced on the dockside at Ocean Village. Sympathy was marked by tears and hugs.

Vincent, a 47-year-old carpenter from Bath, was one of the great characters in the race. He was nicknamed "Steps" after a set of boarding stairs he had built for his crew proved so useful that copies were ordered by the other boats.

When he disappeared, Vincent, who was wearing only swimming trunks, had gone to the mast to adjust one of the spinnaker control lines. He walked back to the cockpit and inexplicably fell overboard within feet of two crewmates, Samantha Brewster, who was at the wheel, and Carol Randall, on the stern.

Donovan was on deck within 12 seconds of the man-overboard alert and instigated what Royal Ocean Racing Club officials agree was a copybook search that lasted 18 hours. The problem for the crew was that while Vincent's exact position was known, and the yacht's markers recovered, he was not seen to break surface again.

An inquest today in Southampton will attempt to unravel the mystery of Vincent's last moments and explain how he could fall overboard and be lost in calm conditions and clear daylight.

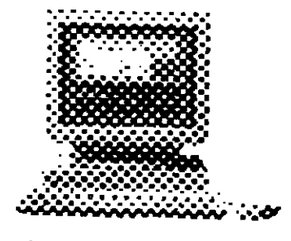
Chay Blyth, who planned the race, said he had a waiting list of 320 for a second event in four years' time. "All we need is a sponsor," he said.

RESULTS: Final stage, Cape Town to Southampton: 1, Group 4 Securitas (M Golding), 35 days 19hr:33mn, 2, Commercial Union (R Mortweather), 35:20:27; 3, British Steel II (R Tudor), 35:20:43; 4, Nuclear Electric (J Chittenden), 36:01:19; 5, Rhone-Poulenc (P Phillips), 36:01:41; 6, Coopers & Lybrand (V Chamy), 36 10:08; 7, Hofbrau Lager (P Goss), 36:10:17; 8, Pride of Teesside (I MacGillavray), 36:03:46; 9, Interspray (P Jeffes), 36:03:48; 10, Heath Insured (A Donovan), 39:23:49.

Overall: 1, Nuclear Electric, 151:11:49; 2, Group 4 Securitas, 151:13:59; 3, Hofbrau Lager, 152:15:45; 4, Coopers & Lybrand, 154:17:59; 5, Pride of Teesside, 155:16:06; 6, Interspray, 156:14:09; 7, Heath Insured, 157:10:29; 8, Rhone-Poulenc, 159:17:26; 9, Commercial Union, 159:17:28; 10, British Steel II, 163:00:25.

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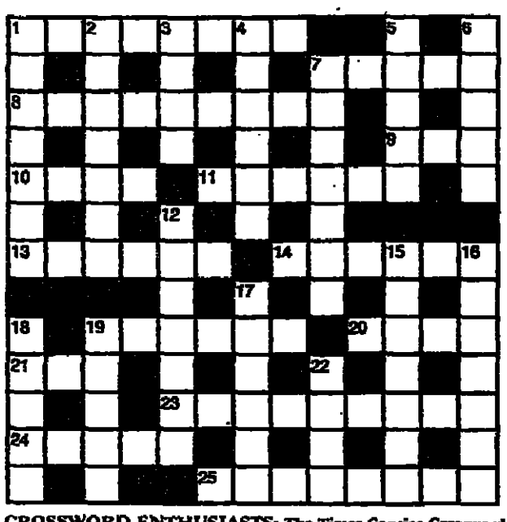
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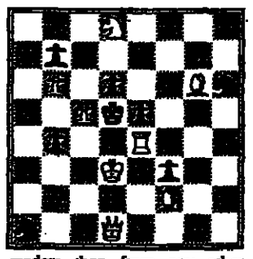
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WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

PONDOK
a. A hut or shack
b. A Malaysian chieftain
c. A steep natural shaft

TENDAI
a. A prehensile tropical creeper
b. The two-toed Amazonian sloth
c. A Buddhist sect

COCUM
a. The tropical tree cucumber
b. A fairground gambling game
c. Advantageous or correct

MALLAM
a. A learned man
b. Maple syrup waffle
c. An Indian language

Answers on page 46